

# A Wildcat Celebration



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of friends  
and times  
a celebration of dreams  
of goals  
a new beginning  
a celebration of God  
of faith  
and unity  
the celebration of a new year  
And so it began —  
A Celebration

— Bethe Ledbetter

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## CELEBRATING WITH STYLE



Jeff Jost, sophomore: "Mr. Delehunt is the biggest change. He gave us more free days and spirit days. He didn't try to change things all at once. He did what the students wanted to do more than what he wanted to do."



Laura Alsop, senior: "I think the spirit at Mater Dei has greatly improved this year. The student body seemed to back everyone, even after a loss. Even though attendance was up, I thought that people could cheer more at the games and really get into it. I think part of the improvement is due to Mr. Delehunt. He seemed to get just as involved as the student body and set a good example."



Laurie Layman, junior: "It seems like Mater Dei provides us with more challenges than most schools. We have to work harder to get things and it's cause to celebrate because we have parents, teachers, and friends pushing us towards those challenges."



Jenny Olivey, senior: "Traditions at Mater Dei have been around ever since I can remember — wearing uniforms, being successful in volleyball and wrestling, having distinguished halls (senior hall, junior, sophomore, and freshman halls), and many more. Everywhere you look is some kind of tradition."

**RADICAL REVOLUTIONARY:** Mayor of Mater Dei-ville Brock Nicholson brought fresh ideas and attitudes to the student government. A charismatic leader, Brock motivates the students at the candy sale kickoff assembly. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)

The red brick building stood as it had for over 30 years. The long summer of 1981 had finally come to an end. The boards were washed. The desks were in neat rows. The doors now stood open, waiting to receive the 670 or so students who would attend Mater Dei this year.

We arrived September 7. The scene was one which could apply to any first day of school in MD's history. However, we were a unique bunch and this year would not be the same.

We, the student body, bounded together in a renewed spirit. In the face of great change, we strived to meet the challenges of keeping MD's traditions alive. It was our chance to learn together, live together, and laugh together. It was a time of celebration.

By far, the biggest change was the arrival of Mr. Joe Delehunt, who assumed the duties of principal. The Kentucky native brought with him an enthusiastic attitude which soon rubbed off on the students. A group of senior girls affectionately dubbed him "J.D." and formed a Joe Delehunt fan club.

Senior Cathy Roe commented, "He let things flow, then when there was a problem, he worked on it. I think he did a really great job."

Bringing new life and spice to the Mater Dei student government was radical mayor Brock Nicholson. Brock became well known for his original speaking style, and had no trouble at all winning over the crowd at his Inauguration ceremony with his impromptu speech. A charismatic leader, he was also well known for his

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"J.D." & COMPANY: Principal Joe Delehunt relaxes at a home basketball game with his wife, Kate, and daughter, Sara. Delehunt earned the respect and admiration of MD's student body in his first year here. Delehunt also took an active part in the assemblies at school, watching the action at a wrestling pep rally and giving communion to Kim Hankins, senior. (Photo by Scott Altman)



A NEW LOOK: The MD student council altered the school's dress code and allowed girls to wear solid colored pullover sweaters. Kristie Steckler enjoys the change because it gave her more freedom to choose what to wear to school. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)



GRIN & BEAR IT: A new club offered on Schedule A was girls' weightlifting club. It gave senior girls like Shannon Esteo the chance to learn a little about weight training and work up a little sweat, too. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)

COMPUTER CRAZE: One of the newest additions to the school was the Apple II computer. Besides being used for certain classes like Data Processing and the Journalism department, the computer gave students like Dan Gossman and Joe Mischler a chance to play games like Pac-Man and Space Egg during lunch and study hall. (Photo by Mary Elier)

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straight-forward approach to student government and his "no bullshit" attitudes.

The enthusiastic leadership of Delehunt and Nicholson made for a spirited atmosphere around school which sparked all activities from sporting events to the annual candy sale.

The whole school backed the football team in its rally to a second straight co-city title. Radio Station WKDQ even declared a "National Frank Will Day" in honor of the gridiron coach.

Laura Alsop, senior, remembered, "I think they had a lot of talent; they had been playing together since freshman year and worked well together."

MD held its most successful candy sale, selling over \$25,000 worth of plain and peanut M&M's.

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**FUN AT THE FEUD:** At the pep assembly prior to the boys' basketball sectional game with Bosse, the Senior-Faculty Feud was held. Mrs. Pat Welsh and Principal Joe Delehunt were two of the faculty members who joined in on the fun. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**SENIOR FROLICS AT THE FEUD:** Mary Ann Kelle applauds the antics of senior team members Joe Bossemeier, Amy Klenck, and Scott Altman. They lost the Senior-Faculty Feud game despite their efforts. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



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# challenge

"Everybody showed a lot more spirit," remarked Susie Lindenschmidt, junior. "It was real neat the way everyone pulled together and got it done."

Setting us apart from other schools was the ever popular dress code. Even though it went through a minor adjustment (the addition of pullover sweaters for girls) it still remained a strong MD tradition.

On the sports scene, traditions were both maintained and begun. The volleyball and wrestling teams once again dominated area competition, capturing city and sectional crowns.

Even though the football team completed its best season ever, they were unfortunately, as tradition goes, defeated by the Reitz Panthers in the annual battle of the West Side.

The girls basketball team started a winning tradition, capturing its first city win in six years.

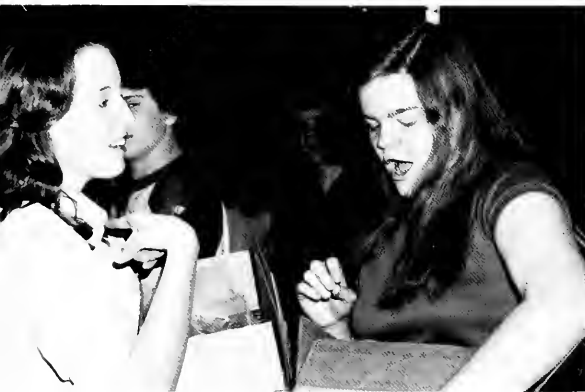
Seniors enjoyed the privileges given to them as in years past such as being allowed to leave campus for lunch once a week and the first to be dismissed at assemblies. Cathy Roe was somewhat skeptical about the latter, however, saying, "Seniors should leave the assembly first but I have never made it out the door before a junior!"

Some of the traditions, however, are somewhat challenging and hard to uphold. Perhaps one of the most dif-

**PUSHIN' IT:** Trackster Pete Emmett works out during an early spring practice. The sophomore's specialties were the 100 and 200 meter dashes. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



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**SOPHOMORE SELLERS:** Melissa Dwyer and Karen Dietsch discuss selling strategy shortly after picking up their quota of M&M's. Their class came in second place behind the frosh. (Photo by Leslie Stratman)

**CRUTCH CHALLENGES:** Seniors Bob Culver and Amy Klenck find it hard to stand during the opening mass because of their knee injuries. The two also found it challenging to make it up and down the stairs and through the crowded halls with their crutches and books. (Photo by Beth Ledbetter)



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**A CHALLENGING SEASON:** Chris Sitzman, senior, tries to find a way around a Barr Reeve defender. Even though the cagers found this year to be both challenging and disappointing, they always hustled and played with determination. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**TAKEDOWN!:** Ron Maurer, senior, struggles with his Castle opponent. He, along with all of the MD wrestlers, met the challenges of grueling practices and making weight. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





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difficult challenges we students faced was measuring up to the school's high academic policies.

Cathy Roe explained, "You work your butt off and your grades may still not be as good."

Although dealing with a higher grading scale may have proved despairing at times, the end result, a superior education, was well worth it.

The boys basketball team was faced with its own brand of challenge. Despite the fact they experienced many disappointing losses, the cagers always gave it their best shot.

All athletes met the challenges of attending grueling practices, and training sessions. This hard work and determination paid off for junior heavyweight Matt Crowe who advanced to the state wrestling tournament.

Even though some of our challenges and goals were not met, we learned to face disappointments together, as well as the victories. We celebrated what we had: our friends, faith, and accomplishments.

As one senior put it, celebration is "being so happy that you don't have to worry about what tomorrow is going to bring."

— Mary Ellert  
— Bethie Ledbetter



APPROACHING THE THRONE: Senior Clare Becker and her escort Mike Hickam were the main couple of the homecoming court after the night progressed. Clare and Mike make their exit through the rainbow of balloons shortly after she was crowned Ms. School Spirit. (Photo courtesy of Tim Tucker)



**LOYAL RED AND ROYAL GOLD:** Senior Sherri Rick-  
etts, a two year member of the pompon squad,  
shows a real interest in her performance. Sherri  
and other members performed for audiences at  
football and basketball games. The girls ad-  
vanced to state competition. (Photo by Larry Orth)

**MIXED EMOTIONS:** Senior Don Goedde concen-  
trates on the action out on the field during the  
homecoming game against Bosse. Juniors Steve  
Anslinger and Mike Phelps are proud to be part of  
the victory against Bosse. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



TO BE A KID AGAIN: Junior Beth Crabtree indulges in helium balloons, remembrances of carefree days of youth. Balloons are common sights on the streets during the festival. (Photo by Mary Ellert)

YUMMY: Senior Lisa Richter enjoys lunch at the Fall Festival. A 45 minute lunch period, parking hassles, and fighting crowds made it virtually impossible to get back to school on time; many tardies resulted. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



MESMERIZED: Little Jeff Goebel, nephew of Mr. Mike Goebel and freshman Chris Goebel, seems to be in awe as he watches the Fall Festival parade. The parade, held on Saturday afternoon, was the grand finale of events. (Photo by Mary Ellert)

FINGER LICKIN' GOOD: Angie Elliott, Kathy Boes, and Sheri Ricketts, seniors, learn that the Fall Fest is time for sun and snacks. Seniors were granted the privilege of going out to lunch everyday and found that dieting was next to impossible. (Photo by Beth Leabetter)





**BAND BOOTH:** The Mater Dei Band Booth, selling nachos, Polish sausage, and homemade lemonade, proved to be a giant money making success.

**BIRDS' EYE VIEW:** Senior Susan Reddington and friend Jeff Wagner watch the Fall Fest parade from prime window seats. (Photos by Beth Lebetter)



# Fall Fest '81: Bringing in the bucks

For almost everyone concerned, the Fall Festival meant eating lots of monster ears and pronto pups, gambling in the park, and meeting friends on crowded street corners. However, it also involved mounds of work for the Wildcat Band and other groups in hopes of raising funds.

The highly successful Mater Dei Band Booth, which catered to diehard junk food junkies was run by pom pon girls, band members, and the moms of band members. According to Mrs. Sandy

**"We ran around the week before the festival to get things in, but we mostly just kept it going day by day."**

**— "Mom" Wenzel**

"Mom" Wenzel, mother of drum major Jeff Wenzel, "We ran around the week before the festival to get things in, but we mostly just kept it going day by day." The booth was owned by several people who allowed Mater Dei to borrow it.

The food at the Mater Dei booth was said to be some of the best at the festival. Polish sausage, pronto pups, homemade lemonade, and cotton candy, which sold the best, were the specialties. The cotton candy was a sort of challenge for the workers because it took three hours to make in Cindy Wingert's garage and no sooner had they gotten back to the booth than it was already sold out.

"We did better than last year which is good because a lot of booths didn't," said "Mom" Wenzel.

Was it really worth all of the effort put into it? According to Wenzel, "Oh yes. It's worth it to meet the parents and help out the kids."

Band members were not the only ones who found the Fall Festival to be something other than all fun and games.

"We had a challenge in constructing diamonds to mark this 60th celebration," said Sr. Sharon Bittner regarding the Fall Fest art window. The window was designed by Art II, III, and IV students.

No basic plans were given for the construction of the window display. This did not stop Sr. Sharon and her art students from being creative.

"For special effects, we created fireworks with spray paint. It was fun even though the stencil pieces kept dripping paint everywhere," said Sr. Sharon.

A skyline of Evansville (in silver boxes) was highlighted by a black light against

**"It was fun even though the stencil pieces kept dripping paint everywhere."**

**— Sr. Sharon Bittner**

a dark background with white letters, glitter, and glowing paint. The artwork was displayed in the window of J.B. Cyclery. The mobile diamond was made by Clay Allison, a former art student.

Mater Dei Language Arts instructor

John Stratman and his band, "Clinch Creek," also put in a lot of time and effort in performing for the Fall Festival. But he felt that the grind

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**— Mr. John Stratman**

was worth it because of the gain involved.

"I felt a little apprehensive about doing it (performing) because teachers are supposed to have a role to fill, a particular appearance. However, when it was over, I was glad I did it because it was good for the students to see me do something besides teach; it made them see me as a more complete person."

He's been in the band a little over a year.

"The Fall Festival exemplifies the west side personality, and I like being a part of it."

The spirit of the west side was contagious and it's that grouping of spirit that everyone looks forward to each year.

**— Mary Ellert, Angie Elliott, Lori Whelan**

## Life in Evansville

The city of Evansville was founded in the year 1802 and since then it has grown around the twisting body of water known as the great Ohio River.

In its early years, the river was the town's main source of livelihood. Many businesses sprang up on the waterfront and provided jobs for a number of Evansville's citizens. The easily accessible waterway also made Evansville a main port during World War II and a major producer of U.S. (landing ship) tanks.

Even though the river was no longer an industrial center, it was years ago it was still a major center of amusement and activity for MD students.

Senior Julie Buren commented, "I like boating and stuff like that. You meet a lot of different people. It's always friendly and nice." Julie spends much of her time on the waterfront working on the Martha Graham work boat, selling souvenirs and tickets for her father's riverboat, "The Spirit of Evansville."

During the summer months, the annual hydroplane race attracted many visitors to the banks of the Ohio. Spectators of the race got a chance to socialize with friends they hadn't seen since the end of school and get a little sunburnt at the same time.

River camps were another major source of entertainment at the Ohio River. Lori Schnur's family has owned a river camp for over ten years. "It's real leisure; it's really relaxed and peaceful by the river," said the sophomore.

David Rollet, who often water-skied and boated on the Ohio, also enjoyed the peace and quiet down on the riverfront.

"I feel free when I'm down there. It's clean and you don't have to worry about traffic and all that stuff," he reflected. "Life would be very boring without the Ohio River."

— Mary Ellert  
— Betha Ledbetter

# Old man river



SUNRISE AT THE RIVER (Photo courtesy of Lorry Whelan)

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY: It was a cold and rainy game against Central and sophomores Jeff Weinzapfel and Jeff Adler were no fools. They, like other team members, wore ponchos to protect themselves from the rain. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

OH MY, MY: Varsity coach Frank Will studies the field with intense thought. He received the Downtown Quarterback Club's "Coach Of the Year" award for the second consecutive year. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



## Sibling rivalry — they're not kidding!

Every school has its rivals and Mater Dei was no exception. Mater Dei and Reitz football teams have been trying to out-kick, out-pass, out-punt, and inevitably out-play each other for years. Dennis and David Murphy were also rivals of a sort.

The Murphys are fraternal twins. They both played varsity football — but for two different teams. Dennis was a senior at Mater Dei High School and David, a senior at Reitz High School. The Reitz-Mater Dei game was important to a lot of people, but for Dennis and David, it was imperative.

Mater Dei's Murphy planned to attend Reitz until the summer before his freshman year. The decision to attend Mater Dei was the result of a personality conflict between himself and his Reitz club football coach. Also, his friend Jim Morrow would attend Mater Dei.

Dennis has played football for a total of five years, while his brother has played for only three. Dennis played the position of offensive guard and the reserve place kicker

and David played the position of wingback and punter this 1981 football season.

Like the silence before the storm, on the night of the Mater Dei-Reitz game the Murphy household was quiet. The want to defeat Reitz was uppermost in Dennis' mind.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy support both of their sons when they play. Dennis stated, "They were probably the only people at the game who cheered for both teams. After the game, they didn't say much to me. My mom just told me I played well. They all knew I was mad."

"Playing against my brother does make me play harder but I guess we just didn't play hard enough," Dennis said about the game.

Mater Dei was defeated by Reitz with a score of 14-23. The rivalry between the two west side schools will continue, but hopefully the rivalry between Dennis and David only lasted as long as the football season.

— Tammy Hollander

# Seasonal ups and downs



Varsity football season was one of ups and downs, on the hills and in the valleys. In the end Mater Dei came out on top of a hill.

In a pre-season bout against Central, the gridders won 6-0. At that time, Coach Frank Will commented that he was optimistic about the season. Unknown to him, the optimism would pay off.

The first game of regular season, which was against Terre Haute South, was one of grave disappointment. MD lost 13-6 but the officiating was quite debatable, according to Evansville newspapers.

The gridders went on to a five-game winning spree. Their first win was against Memorial when senior Gary Weinzaepfel made a 97-yard dash for a touchdown. They went on to be victorious over Mt. Vernon, North, and Owensboro Catholic.

On October 2, the Wildcats went up against state-ranked Castle. It was a close; the score was within a few points throughout the game. Senior Nora Wilson commented on the game: "I was on the edge of my seat all night. The Castle people were getting on my nerves; they were sitting in the Mater Dei section and making a lot of noise." In the end, the Wildcats had turned the Castle "Knights" into "Dei" with a final score of 13-10.

"It was the most physical game. The whole team pulled together to win in the final seconds. It shows what kind of a team we were to come from behind and win it," said defensive tackle Dan Knight.

On October 9, with the MD gridders holding a position in the top 20 of the Associated Press coaches' poll, they faced the more psychological than physical game against Reitz.

"Out front there was no doubt of us winning. Maybe we weren't aware of it, but there was doubt in the back of everyone's mind because of the Reitz tradition," commented center Bob Culver. When they lost the game against Reitz 14-23, two dreams flew out the window; the dreams of winning a city title outright and making the playoffs had completely vanished.

The gridders finished off the season by winning their next three games. The Homecoming game against Bosse and the rainy Central game created no problem for the Wildcats. The Harrison game, in which MD came out on top with a score of 23-6, assured Wildcats a share in the city title and the best final record they have ever achieved.

— Tina Boarman

**COLLISION COURSE:** Several Owensboro Catholic players pile up during the game on September 25. It didn't seem to help though, as MD went on to defeat them 31-14. (Photo courtesy of the Evansville Courier and Press)

**ALONE AGAIN . . . NATURALLY:** Senior Keith Rooney mentally prepares himself during the Castle game on October 2. As both teams battled for a state ranking, MD came out ahead 13-10. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



FOOTBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Bill Blaxton, Keith Rooney, Chris Sitzman, Andy Alcorn, Joe Bassemier, Lynn Hassler, Don Goedde, Bob Culver, Dennis Murphy, Craig Titzer. SECOND ROW: John Dewig, Brian Weinzapfel, Gary Weinzapfel, Ed Lappe, John Weinzapfel, Ron Maurer, Ron Adler, Dan Knight, Pat Kempf, Mark Williams, Jim Morrow. THIRD ROW: Coach Will, Mike Phelps, Andy Hoefling, Eric Knapp, Vince Boots, Dave Wannemuehler, Steve Anslinger, John Townsend, Rich Niemeier, John Bullock, Dan Goss-

man, Jim Lutterbach. FOURTH ROW: Coach Goebel, Coach Nick Alcorn, Tim Barth, Jeff Culley, Bernie Mayer, Dave Rallef, Bart Lutterbach, John Guzman, Jeff Adler, Andy Voelker, Jeff Jost, Mike Hess. BACK ROW: Coach Voegel, Manager Pat Doolittle, Steve Little, Ted Kares, Pete Emmert, Joe Steinkamp, Keith Hausman, Joe Gerber, Jeff Weinzapfel, Tom Brownfield, Manager John Ulrich. (Photo courtesy of the West Side Nut Club)



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## Balancing the win/loss scales

The reserve football team had a season of equilibrium. Wildcats fought hard to win but their efforts only helped during half of their games.

They won their first game at home with a score of 39-14 against Memorial. The reserves then went on to a deflating loss against Bosse; they lost by only one touchdown.

MD came back from a one win — one loss record to a two-game winning streak. Wildcats defeated North 12-7, and then went on to beat Boonville by a score of 14-7.

Although they had improved their record considerably, they turned around and lost the next three games bringing their record to 3-4. They lost to Castle, Reitz, and Harrison.

The season came to an end with a win over Central 18-12.

"We didn't have a good season but it was fun. We did have some high time along with the losses," sophomore Andy Voelker commented about the season.

— Tina Boarman



READY!SET!HUT!HUT!: The mighty Wildcat team prepared to "snap" the ball during the Central game on October 22. MD went on to win the game 42-0. (Photo by Geoff Coates)





**HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE:** The varsity team members hold Coach Goebel above them when they won the Castle game. The team had dedicated the Castle game to Goebel and the Reitz game to Will. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

**GET HIM!** Coach Goebel screams encouragement to team members during the Castle game. He had special reason for wanting to beat them—he used to coach there. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

**PUT THE SHINE ON:** Our boys hustled out of the locker room during the rainy, Central game. The Bears had no reason to run out on the field, however; MD defeated them easily. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



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## FOOTBALL STATS-N-FACTS

### VARSITY

Terre Haute South	13	Mater Dei	6
Mater Dei	35	Memorial	14
Mater Dei	25	Mt. Vernon	0
Mater Dei	41	North	6
Mater Dei	31	Owensboro Catholic	14
Mater Dei	13	Castle	10
Reitz	23	Mater Dei	14
Mater Dei	23	Bosse	14
Mater Dei	42	Central	0
Mater Dei	23	Harrison	6
RESERVE			
Mater Dei	39	Memorial	14
Bosse	14	Mater Dei	7
Mater Dei	12	North	7
Mater Dei	14	Boonville	7
Castle	49	Mater Dei	8
Reitz	24	Mater Dei	6
Harrison	28	Mater Dei	8
Mater Dei	18	Central	12



**WINNER!WINNER!** Senior Brian Weinzapfel accepted the Kiwanis Award with pride during the fall sports awards assembly. He is shown with Coach Will and some prominent members of the Kiwanis Club. (Photo by Mary Ellert)

# Give up? Never!

What was three words long, full of freshman boys and great? Give up? Well it didn't; it was the **freshman football team**, and it did everything but give up.

The team's record was 3-5. Coaches Carl Voegel and Nick Alcorn celebrated their wins and backed their losses.

"We really improved towards the end of the year; we were really good. We almost beat number one ranked Bosse. The team was really good and they (team members) deserved all the credit they got," said Coach Voegel.

The team had good thoughts about the coaches too. "The coaches were super; they helped us when we needed it, and pushed us when we needed it. We really did well this year," commented team member Mark Schafer.

The team was led by quarterbacks Robby Meyer and Dennis Straub. Other noted players, according to Coach Voegel, were King Nguyen, Darrin Knight, Greg Weinzaufel, Eric Kohut, and Jim Little.

— Mike Hammers



**HOMEcomings HUT:** MD put the ball in action against Bosse enroute to a 24-14 victory. Wildcats later shared the city crown with the bulldogs. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

**POOPED OUT:** Senior Bob Culver took a rest during the Bosse game. Bob had injured his knee earlier in the season. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

**THUMBS UP:** Not only was the team grinning during the MD-Castle game. Freshman fan Mindy Ficker got involved in the last seconds as MD went on to beat Castle. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



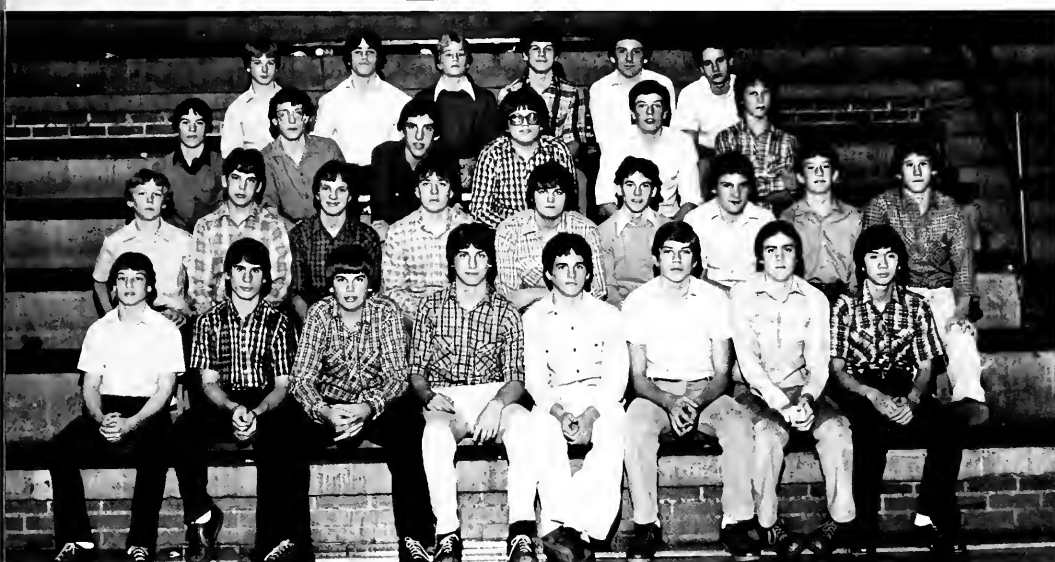


SIDE SHOW: Keeping close tabs on field action, Vince Boots (top) and Joe Bassemier (bottom) re-energize during the Bosse Homecoming game. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



## INDIVIDUAL HONORS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	Brian Weinzapfel Chris Sitzman	PRESS ALL-CITY TEAM	Joe Bassemier Pat Kempf Keith Rooney Brian Weinzapfel
BEST OFFENSIVE LINESMAN	Keith Rooney Pat Kempf		
BEST DEFENSIVE LINESMAN	Craig Titzer Dennis Murphy	SUNDAY COURIER AND PRESS TEAM:	Pat Kempf Keith Rooney Brian Weinzapfel
MOST TACKLES	Joe Bassemier	Offense: Pat Kempf Keith Rooney Brian Weinzapfel	
MENTAL ATTITUDE	Ron Maurer		
BEST RECEIVER	John Dewig		
BEST OFFENSIVE BACK	Gary Weinzapfel		
BEST DEFENSIVE BACK	Bill Blaxton		
S.I.A.C.			
ALL CONFERENCE TEAM	Joe Bassemier Pat Kempf Keith Rooney Brian Weinzapfel		
COURIER ALL-CITY TEAM	Joe Bassemier Bill Blaxton Pat Kempf Dennis Murphy Keith Rooney Craig Titzer Brian Weinzapfel		
		U.P.I. ALL-STATE FIRST TEAM A.P. ALL-STATE THIRD TEAM ALL-STATE HONORABLE MENTION	Joe Bassemier Joe Bassemier Brian Weinzapfel



THE GREEN MACHINE: First row: Jeff Gries, Mark Schaefer, Steve Hassler, Rob Maurer, Dennis Wannemuehler, Dave Wolf, Dennis Straub, King Nguyen. Second row: Brian Will, Ben Kempf, Steve Ricketts, Chris Pugh, Jim Little, Dan Koresel, Chris Goebel, Eric Moss, Eric Kohut. Third row: Mike

Schaefer, Keith Reising, Scott Muehler, Jeff Batts, Alan Schaffstein, Jeff Hermann. Top row: Bob Dezember, Mike Lagenour, Bob Martin, Greg Weinzapfel, Darren Knight, Rich Bender. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

# Homecoming hysteria

**Webster's dictionary defines hysteria as "any outbreak of wild, uncontrolled feeling." During football homecoming week, everyone at Mater Dei was affected with this spirit ...**

Red and gold pride ran rampant through the hundreds of Wildcat fans who cheered their team on to a 24-14 victory over the Bosse Bulldogs. Not only were the usual staunch supporters present, but also faithful alumni who got caught up in the traditional "Homecoming Hysteria" on that clear October night. At halftime, all the colors on the rainbow filled the sky as over 200 helium balloons were released when Clare Becker was crowned "Miss School Spirit."

Above the festivities and fanfare, the press box was also a flurry of activity. All around me were other reporters, as well as radio announcers, and scouts from other schools. With all of this buzz, the cheers of the Wildcat fans below me were barely audible.

"You better say some Hail Mary's with a bunch of officials like that," smiled Bob Ashworth as the game's referees were announced. Ashworth, Reitz's notorious football coach, sat to my right. His team had beaten us the week before, and I knew that sitting next to him during **our** Homecoming game would prove to be interesting.

Turning my attention away from Ashworth, I took in a panoramic view of the activity below me. The cheerleaders were frantically leading cheers to a crowd ravenous for victory. The players on the sideline were nervously pacing up and down, shouting encouragement to those on the field. Mater Dei completed its first screen pass for a first down. Amidst the frenzy of the Wildcat crowd, Ashworth leaned back in his chair, chuckling. "That's the one they tried



THE CENTER OF ATTENTION: Just moments after being crowned "Miss School Spirit," Clare Becker accepts friends' congratulations. The newly elected queen wore crutches, due to a broken foot sustained during volleyball practice a week earlier. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

against us last week, but they didn't get it!" The Bosse coach to the left slammed his fist down on the table, muttered, and nervously chewed his gum.

At halftime, MD led 17-14. The gridders lumbered off to the locker room, and the Wildcat Marching Band members took their places on the field, each with a helium balloon tied to his instrument. For the first time in recent years, the nine members of the homecoming court rode out onto the track in convertibles, making the festivities seem like a parade. After a moment of nervous anticipation, Clare Becker was announced as the 1981 Homecoming Queen. The week-old cast on her right foot could just barely be seen beneath her full-length skirt as she limped gracefully to receive her crown. Cheers and balloons filled the air as Mayor of Mater Dei-ville Brock Nicholson gave her the "traditional" homecoming kiss ... twice!!

Later Becker explained, "I thought the crown was on right the first time, but the next thing I knew it was laying on the ground behind me and we were going

through the **whole** thing again!"

After the excitement of the homecoming ceremony, the rest of the game was anti-climatic. The Wildcat defense held Bosse scoreless in the second half; the freshman cheerleaders wrapped up their "whoopie cushion" sales; the greenies were probably getting nervous about going to their first homecoming dance. In the press box, Ashworth made fewer wisecracks and more scouting notes; the Bosse coach grew increasingly upset with his team; I still felt out of place up there.

**"I thought the crown was on right the first time, but the next thing I knew it was laying on the ground behind me and we were going through the whole thing again!"**

— Clare Becker

As the final seconds of the fourth quarter ticked away into posterity, the two teams met in the center of the field, shaking hands. The scouts and coaches around me gathered up their papers and departed, leaving me alone to look down upon the near empty bleachers. As the final strains of the school song echoed throughout the bowl, I looked up and saw one single red balloon floating up into the clear night sky ... one last tribute to a glorious night.

— Mary Ellert

FOOTBALL HOMECOMING COURT: FRONT ROW: Mayor Brock Nicholson, SENIOR CANDIDATES: Felicia Smith and escort Stan Weinapfel, Queen Clare Becker and escort Mike Hickam, and Laura Gerber and escort Chris Fulkerson. SECOND ROW: FRESHMEN CANDIDATES: Lisa Adler and escort Steve Ricketts, and Kelly Seib and escort Kris Glas-  
er. JUNIOR CANDIDATES: Krista Elpers and escort

Mark Muensterman, and Debra Elpers and escort Jon Raben. BACK ROW: SOPHOMORE CANDIDATES: Denise Purcell and escort J.D. Fleck, and Beth Becker and escort Nick Braun. (Photo courtesy of Bruce Wheeler)



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HELIUM HAPPY: Seniors Marty May, Krista Grossman, Marlene Schenflug, and Angie Hertel fill 200 helium balloons to be sold at the Bosse homecoming game. The Journalism Department sold the balloons to the MD band and fans who released them at half time when Clare Becker was crowned "Miss School Spirit." (Photo by Larry Schapker)

CROWNING CLARE: Mayor of Mater Dei-ville Brock Nicholson carefully crowns the newly-elected "Miss School Spirit," Clare Becker. The festivities took place at half time during the Bosse game. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

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WHAT NOW?: Senior Andy Alcom receives last minute instructions from assistant coach Mike Goebel during the Bosse homecoming game. The MD gridders won, 24-14. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



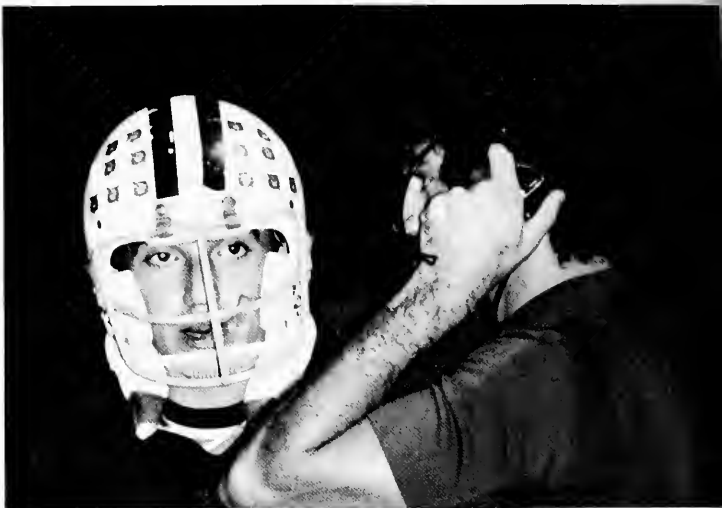
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DON'T DRINK IT ALL!: Lynn Hassler was one of the senior football players who played in his last homecoming game. The Wildcats enjoyed their best season ever, finishing with a share of the city title. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

FACULTY FOLLIES: Miss Julie Floyd, English teacher, portrays MD football coach Frank Will in a Publishers Clearing House commercial. The skit was part of the Homecoming Pep Assembly presented by the faculty. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



IF THEY COULD SEE ME NOW: Majorette Amy Castelman performs at halftime during the MD-Bosse football homecoming game. A junior, Amy has been a member of the squad for three years. (Photo by Larry Schapker)





**SAY CHEESE:** Pom-pom co-captain Kathy Koressel performs during the homecoming halftime show. A senior, Kathy has been a member of the squad for three years. (Photo by Larry Schapker)

**SEEING DOUBLE?:** One of the spirit days students participated in during homecoming week was "twin day." Sophomore Mary Deig came to school dressed as Sister Jane Michele. The two caused several double-takes whenever they were seen together. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



**DIRECTING THE SHOW:** With balloons tied to his director's stand, drum major Jeff Wenzel leads the band during the homecoming halftime show while majorette Sheri Dezemmer stands at attention. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

**TWINS FOR A DAY:** Dressed in trench coats and hats, sophomores Missy Burdette and Tania Schapker get caught up in the spirit of twin day. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





BOYS SOCCER TEAM: FRONT ROW: Tracy Hankins, Joe Berendes, Jeff Kulic, Bill Bosden, Danny Elpers, Brian Singer. SECOND ROW: Mike Minelli, Richie Martin, Jeff Boes, Mark Lamble, Paul Dayton, Mark Seng, Tony Bender, Robby Mead. THIRD ROW: Rob Zigenfus, Mike Kaiser, Matt Bartek, Jeff Mischler, John Wolf, John Seibert, Chris Corcoran, Pat Wildemann, Joe Mischler, Nick Bergowitz, Brad Brown. (Photo by Bob Straub)



FAMILIAR FACE: Mr. Jim Duffy, Mater Dei's new head soccer coach, is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. After playing semi-pro for a German team, he accepted a coaching job here. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)

## Duffy days

Mater Dei's boys soccer program underwent improvement due to individuals such as Jim Duffy. Duffy was the new head soccer coach at Mater Dei.

Duffy, born in Cleveland, Ohio, has lived soccer. Aside from college play, he played for a semi-pro German team in Cleveland but never obtained his professional status.

The new coach arrived in Evansville to become an assistant soccer coach at I.S.U.E. under Andrew Burns. Almost immediately, he heard the Mater Dei club was comprised of good athletes but needed help. He decided to apply for the job.

The results of such hard work and team effort paid off — the 1981 Soccoats was the first team in Mater Dei's history to double its win record in one season.

Duffy also started and coached a feeder league for both the North and West sides — a necessity if the rest of the city wanted to give the East side a run for the money. (East side is the home of three-year defending state champion Memorial High School.)

According to two-year-starter Rob Zigenfus, Duffy was a good coach because "he works well with us; other coaches don't do the exercises with you. Also, he would help us if we had problems in school."

— Felicia Smith



GET READY: Jeff Mischler, sophomore, puts forth all his energy to return the ball into the playing area. (Photo by Larry Schapker)



## SOCCATS:

### In fine form

They mixed business with pleasure by holding tough practices as well as hosting team parties. They also added a new dimension by planning a team liturgy. Who are these mysterious "they's?" — boys' head soccer coach Mr. Jim Duffy, assistant coach Mr. Warren Hankins, and reserve coach Mrs. Marie Hankins.

These coaches and their team worked to close out the season with a 4-8-1 record. Two of the wins were against New Harmony and one each against Reitz and Central. The tie was with North.

Coach Duffy was a big reason why the team had improved. He played for a semi-pro German team in Cleveland, Ohio, his hometown, and his knowledge and experience of the game affected the Wildcats' play tremendously.

"All of the team members showed much enthusiasm but three of the most improved were Tony Bender, Mark Lamble, and Paul Dayton," said Hankins. "That was the first year Mark had ever played soccer and he did an excellent job for us. Paul and Tony played real well during every match."

The team was said to be strongest in defense. "The boys are all good athletes but in order to have good offense they really need to play together five years or more," said Hankins.

Looking back on the season as a whole, Robby Mead, sophomore, commented, "It was a more victorious season than last year, yet we thought we could have done better!"

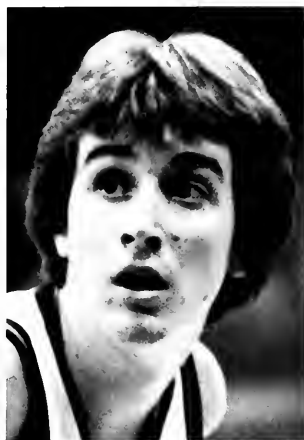
— Felicia Smith

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**SOCK IT TO 'EM:** Top panel: Senior Tony Morris puts his best foot forward during a soccer match against Castle. Bottom panel: Junior John Wolf dribbles the ball down the field as he prepares to make the goal. (Photo by Larry Schapker)

**KICKIN' AROUND:** Junior John Wolf passes to Chris Corcoran as Joe Mischler waits in the back-ground. (Photo by Larry Schapker)



**SUPER SOCCAT:** Junior Brad Brown received the honor of being named the "Most Valuable Player" on the team. Brown was both the team captain and the goalie. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

## BOYS SOCCER

### STATS-N-FACTS

#### INDIVIDUAL HONORS

MOST VALUABLE	Brad Brown
MOST DEFENSIVE	Joe Mischler
MOST OFFENSIVE	Mike Minelli
MOST IMPROVED	John Wolf
BEST ALL AROUND	Tony Morris

Bosse	1	Mater Dei	0
Mater Dei	3	New Harmony	0
Harrison	5	Mater Dei	0
Mater Dei	1	Reitz	0
Day School	5	Mater Dei	0
Memorial	6	Mater Dei	0
North	1	Mater Dei	0
Mater Dei	2	Central	1
Castle	2	Mater Dei	0
Day School	1	Mater Dei	0
Mater Dei	4	New Harmony	0
Mater Dei	2	North	2
Central	2	Mater Dei	1

S-T-R-E-T-C-H: Giving his all, junior Pat Russel practices his serve before the Mt. Vernon match. In addition to being on the tennis team Russel also ran cross country. (Photo by Mary Ellert).

ME COACH, YOU TEAM: Coach Dick Diggs and tennis backer Father Kenneth Herr, discuss team strategy as the players warm up before the match against Mt. Vernon. (Photo by Mary Ellert).



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## Tennis netters 'Add-in' experience

**"It's true that we improved, but so did everyone else. Still, we were losing matches 3-2 instead of 5-0, like we did last year."**

**— Coach Dick Diggs**

Despite the fact that the Mater Dei boys tennis team finished with the same 3-9 record as the year before, second year coach Richard Diggs saw an improvement in the team.

"It's true that we improved, but so did everyone else. Still, we were losing matches 3-2 instead of 5-0, like we did last year," said Diggs.

The team was greatly aided by the addition of Chau Nguyen at the second singles position. "Chau added a degree of competitiveness to the team since he showed that size doesn't count; it's what you can and do out on the court

that matter," Diggs added.

Also new to the team was junior Pat Russel, playing at the second doubles position.

Senior Kent Niemeler was the team's number one singles player this year. He was also the team's only four-year letterman, starting at the third singles position his freshman year.

Jeff Martin, who had the best overall record on the team for the second straight year, commented, "I felt the team had much more depth than the past several teams. We gave a lot of good teams all they could handle."

The sectional match against Bosse was typical of the way the season went. The third singles match went to three sets with Steve Scheller losing the final set 7-5. The second doubles team of Brian Johns-Pat Russel lost its final set 7-6 on a tie-breaker. The final result was 3-2 Bosse.

Despite the fact that the team's performance sometimes tried patience, Coach Diggs focused on improving its mental as well as their physical skills throughout the season.

— Brian Johns



ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FENCE: AT TOP: Fr. Kenneth Herr and team members Dan Klausmeier, Brian Johns, Randy Russel, and Pat Russel, watch the action on the court during the Mt. Vernon match as they patiently await their turn. MIDDLE: Senior Jeff Martin warms up prior to his first doubles match. BOTTOM: Sophomore Chau Nguyen follows through while returning the ball to his opponent. Although this is Nguyen's first year, Coach Diggs commented, "Nguyen was the most improved player on the team." (Photo by Mary Ellert)



BOYS TENNIS TEAM: TOP PICTURE: Pat Russel, Kent Niemeier, and Randy Russel. BOTTOM PICTURE: FRONT ROW: Steve Scheller, Jeff Martin, and Bryan Nicholson. BACK ROW: Coach Dick Diggs, Dan Klausmeier, Brian Johns, Chau Nguyen, and Treavor Head. (Photo by Alan Purdette.)



## BOYS TENNIS

### STATS-N-FACTS

#### INDIVIDUAL HONORS

BEST RECORD Jeff Martin (5-7)

Reitz	5	Mater Dei	0
Mater Dei	3	North	2
Castle	4	Mater Dei	1
Bosse	5	Mater Dei	0
Central	5	Mater Dei	0
Memorial	5	Mater Dei	0
Mater Dei	3	Boonville	2
Princeton	3	Mater Dei	2
Mt. Vernon	5	Mater Dei	0
Harrison	4	Mater Dei	1
Mater Dei	4	North Posey	1
Mt. Vernon	3	Mater Dei	2

AWESOME: In appreciation for his leadership senior Kent Niemeier was awarded the coveted "Awesome Award." He was the only four year letterman on the team. (Photo by Alan Purdette.)



# Grinding out the grudges

Varsity Volleyscats, with coach Carolyn Adler and assistant coach Darla Edwards, moved in and captured their ninth consecutive city title and fifth sectional crown. The netters finished their 19-7 season with a Regional loss to Castle in the championship round.

Adler stated, "I have been disappointed with a couple of our losses, but I wasn't disappointed with the Castle game (during the regular season), because Castle didn't hammer us." The veteran coach, who completed her ninth and final year with MD squad, referred to the Evansville Courier article following the game. The article implied that the Knights "hammered" the Volleyscats, when in reality, they just barely squeaked by, 13-15, 12-14.

Due to the injury of senior starter Clare Becker, the starting line-up had changed a great deal. As a result, sophomores Beth Becker and Julie Seib earned more playing time on the varsity court.

"Clare was a good weapon because she could hit the ten-foot spiking line," said Adler. Clare's injury, however, did not stop Adler from using the "6-2" offense. "We have to go with it because the other schools are," said Adler. Adler felt

the volleys were strongest in hitting with the three blockers and three hitters in the front row.

The Volleyscats played more seasonal games than usual, so it was hard for them to get "up" for every game. Before the sectional tournament, Adler said, "I think the team has a better attitude and they are taking things more seriously. I think they realize if they don't win, they're out. Sectionals is something the team looks forward to. It's like starting a whole new season. They have potential but it is up to them to be strong."

After disposing of Reitz in first round action, 15-3, 15-10, it took the volleys three games to defeat both Mt. Vernon and Memorial. "Mater Dei has always had a good volleyball team due to our feeder program," said assistant coach Darla Edwards. "Because of this, MD has dominated the sectional. We have won the sectional and city title so many times that a lot of people take it for granted. Winning a sectional may have been easy in the past, but that does not hold true in this year's sectional."

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**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM:** FRONT ROW: Barb Seib, Darlene Rooney, Mary Wannemueller, Beth Becker, Jenny Vescovi, Kim Hartlein, and Julie Seib. BACK ROW: Assistant coach Darla Edwards, head coach Carolyn Adler, Mary Ellert, Lori Wag-

ner, Clare Becker, Beth Ledbetter, Carla Decamps, statistician Sister Mary Francis, manager Jenny Olivey. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**SUPER SPIKE:** Beth Ledbetter, shown here slamming the ball past a Memorial defender, completed her second year on the varsity squad. A senior, Ledbetter also made the All-SIAC team for the second year in a row. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

## Grudges/cont.

MD coasted by Eastern during its first round match at the regional tournament in Washington. Because the Volleyscats had received a "bye," the victory automatically secured them a berth in the final round. However, the Volleyscats, who suffered a disappointing 9-14, 10-12 loss to the Knights, weren't the main attraction at this regional finals meet; the fans were.

According to the Evansville Courier, student and parent conduct during the championship game against archrival Castle, was said to have "landed Mater Dei fans in the doghouse." MD fans were accused of shouting obscenities and racial slurs as well as being unruly and unsportsmanlike. Two students were ordered from the gym because of their verbal harassment of the officials after the game. It was this incident in particular that prompted action by the Indiana High School Athletic Association (I.H.S.A.A.).

The following Monday, Principal Mr. Joe Delehunt, received a phone call from Mr. Ward Brown, I.H.S.A.A. commissioner informing him that the incident had been cited. After a meeting of the I.H.S.A.A. Board of Control, a formal warning

was issued to all MD fans. At a special assembly, Mr. Delehunt, informed a relieved student body of the light ruling. Delehunt added however, that if we get cited again, the reprimand will probably be more severe.

"As a whole, I think we deserved it, just ask anybody who went to the games. Just so we don't get labeled (with a bad reputation) from now on I think everything will be o.k.," said senior Sara Rexing.

Further action was taken by the Student Council. The council developed a school code for student behavior during athletic events. The code established a set of rules and penalties to be imposed if these rules should be broken.

"I think it was a positive experience for the whole school in the long run. We took care of something that should have been taken care of long ago," said Delehunt. "I think it's a shame that the volleyball team's accomplishments have been overshadowed by this; they've been done an ignorant disservice," he added.

Webster's dictionary defines revenge as "an opportunity for getting satisfaction." Mater Dei's reserve volleyball team was indeed satisfied after its 14-10, 15-8 victory over archrival Castle at the Forest Park Reserve Tourney. The Wildcats turned the tables on the Knights after being defeated 11-15, 16-14, 12-15 the week earlier.

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**HUDDLE UP!** During the regular season match with Memorial, Volleyscats Lori Wagner, Jenny Vescovi, Darlene Rooney, Carla Decamps, Kim Hartlein, and Bethe Leadbetter confer at mid-court to discuss team strategy. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**TENSE TIMES:** Mary Ellert, senior, tensely watches court action during the Memorial regular season game. This was Ellert's first year on the varsity squad after playing three years of reserve ball. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**PASS IT ON:** Lori Wagner keeps her eye on the ball while making a forearm bump pass. The junior saw plenty of varsity action playing in the front row as a hitter and blocker. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





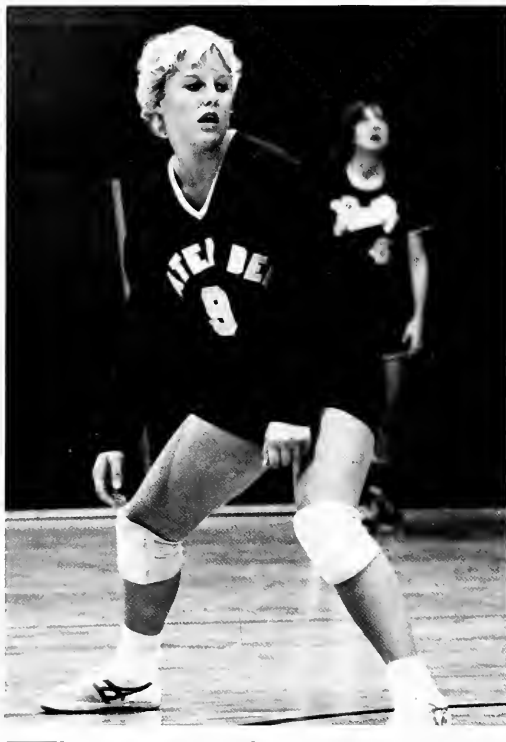
**SWEATIN' IT OUT ON THE SIDELINES:** Senior Jenny Vescoli endures the Valleycats' first city loss to Memorial during regular season play. The Wildcats avenged their loss, however, by defeating the Tigers in the sectional tournament. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**DETERMINED TO DEFEAT 'EM:** After hearing the referee's whistle, Barb Seib prepares to serve during the Reitz match. A junior, Seib was one of the team's returning lettermen. (Photos by Alan Burdette)



**DIG IT!!:** Senior Mary Wannemueller lunges to retrieve a Memorial spike. The Wildcats lost the match despite her defensive efforts. (Photos by Alan Burdette)





**SERVIN' UP AN ACE:** Darlene Rooney, right, had one of the most powerful overhand serves on the varsity team. Here, she prepares to fire one to her Memorial opponents. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**WHADDA YA' MEAN "IN"?:** Sophomore Julie Seib lettered in her first year on the varsity squad. Her main specialties were setting and backrow defense. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**GOING FOR IT:** Skinned knees, floor burns, and bruises are all a part of volleyball. Deanna Hartlein, sophomore, earns her share as she sprawls while playing defense in the back row. Even though she missed this ball, the reserve team went on to defeat Reitz in its season opener. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



## Grudges/cont.

"We didn't play a very good game against them the week before, and at Forest Park, we really gave it our best effort," remembered freshman setter, Jane Schapker.

Mary Deig, sophomore, added, "We weren't scared of them that time."

Besides revenge, the grudge-match victory enabled the Volleys to bring home their fourth straight Forest Park Tourney Crown, a perfect ending for an 11-3 city championship season.

The team was relatively young, with eight out of the fourteen members being freshmen. Out of those eight, four were in the starting lineup.

"I took a lot of chances this year. I kept a lot of freshmen and started them in crucial positions," said Edwards. "I was worried about the physical and mental strain, but the newcomers coped with it very well. They wanted that starting position."

Because returning setter, sophomore Lori Schnur, was moved to the varsity level at the start of the season, Edwards was left with three inexperienced girls to fulfill the setting positions. Edwards reported, "Brooke Heathcote, a junior playing her first year, did a great job setting. Jane Schapker, freshman, was my back-up setter and defense." She added, "They worked hard and have a great deal of volleyball

sense."

Audrey Fulton and Jane Muensterman, sophomores, were two other standouts whom Edwards described as "showing great leadership and 'wanting-to-do-their-best' spirit."

"Dava Lappe and Missy Hinton (freshman) also developed into good spikers," she said.

Compliments seemed to be running wild on the JV team. Schapker commented, "I liked the coaches because of the way they cared about everybody." She added, "I like being a part of the team spirit and effort that everyone uses to help Mater Dei win."

Varsity coach Carolyn Adler was perhaps one of the most winningest coaches in Mater Dei's history. She finished her tenth and final year with a career record of 145 wins with only 22 losses. The seasoned veteran commented, "I feel that winning at first helped build the tradition, but the kids now realize that it takes a lot of hard work to keep up this tradition."

Adler had her second child, Matthew, shortly following her final season. She officially announced her resignation at the annual Booster Club Banquet. Later, Adler remarked, "Probably one of the reasons I went into teaching was because of sports. Even though I will miss it, I feel that being home with my family is my number one priority." She added, "I will definitely miss Mater Dei."

— Mary Ellert  
— Tammy Hollander  
— Beth Lebetter





RESERVE VOLLEYBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Brooke Heathcotte, Julie Adler, Lori Schnur, Jill Braun, Jane Schapker, and Missy Hinton. BACK ROW: Reserve coach Darla Edwards, varsity coach Carolyn Adler, Dava Lappe, Deanna Hartlein, Jane Muensterman, Mary Deig, Au-

drey Fulton, Jeanne Gerber, Ann Groves, statistician Sister Mary Francis, and manager Jenny Olivey. Michelle Weidner not pictured (Photo by Bob Straub)

## VOLLEYBALL STATS-N-FACTS

### VARSITY TEAM HONORS

Ninth straight city crown  
1st place Boonville Tourney  
1st place Terre Haute South Tourney  
Sectional winner  
Regional finalist

### VARSITY INDIVIDUAL HONORS

KIWANIS AWARD  
ALL SIAC TEAM

Clare Becker  
Bethie Ledbetter  
and Clare Becker  
Clare Becker  
Kim Hartlein  
Carla Decamps  
Mary Elliot

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYER  
BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER  
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER  
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Reitz	(win)	15-10, 15-2
North	(win)	15-5, 15-6
North Posey	(win)	13-15, 15-11, 15-5
Boase	(win)	15-13, 15-11
Harrison	(win)	15-0, 15-10
Vincennes	(win)	12-15, 15-6, 15-10
Gibson Southern	(loss)	6-15, 4-15
Central	(win)	15-3, 15-2
Mt. Vernon	(win)	15-12, 15-10
Castle	(loss)	13-15, 12-14
Memorial	(loss)	12-15, 9-15

### Ben Davis Tourney

Highland	(win)	15-6, 10-15, 15-6
Jennings County	(loss)	16-14, 13-15, 12-15
South Bend St. Joe	(loss)	8-15, 10-15
Ben Davis	(win)	15-11, 15-13
Seymour	(loss)	11-15, 15-8, 3-15

### Terre Haute South Tourney

Terre Haute South	(win)	15-7, 15-10
West Vigo	(win)	15-5, 16-14

### Boonville Tourney

Boase	(win)	15-3, 15-0
Boonville	(win)	15-4, 15-4
Vincennes	(win)	12-15, 15-6, 15-10

### Sectional

Reitz	(win)	15-3, 15-10
Mt. Vernon	(win)	15-13, 13-15, 15-5
Memorial	(win)	13-15, 15-5, 15-9

### Regional

Eastern	(win)	15-5, 15-4
Castle	(loss)	9-14, 10-12

### RESERVE TEAM HONORS

#### City Champions

#### Forest Park Reserve Tourney Champions

Reitz	(win)	15-2, 15-1
North	(win)	15-11, 15-7
North Posey	(loss)	8-15, 11-15
Boase	(win)	15-13, 15-13
Harrison	(win)	15-0, 15-10
Vincennes	(win)	15-9, 7-15, 15-4
Gibson Southern	(win)	15-6, 15-10
Central	(win)	15-9, 15-5
Mt. Vernon	(loss)	15-3, 14-15, 3-15
Castle	(loss)	11-15, 16-14, 12-15
Memorial	(win)	15-10, 14-12

#### Forest Park Reserve Tourney

Castle	(win)	14-10, 15-8
Forest Park	(win)	18-16, 13-11
Jasper	(win)	15-6, 15-6



**CHEER UP:** Senior Roger Brown was the high-point man on the cross country team. Brown sighs in pain after he hurt his ankle at the sectional meet held at Wesselman Park. (Photo by Mary Ellert)

**AGONY OF DE-FEET:** Fresh Todd Rexing takes a load of his feet as he unwraps them after the sectional meet held at Wesselman Park. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



**ADD 'EM UP:** Junior Gretchen Hillenbrand, the team statistician, helps the Memorial coach record team scores at the sectional meet. (Photo by Mary Ellert)

## CROSS COUNTRY STATS-N-FACTS

Gibson Southern 20, Mater Dei 43  
Tecumseh 37, North Posey 38, Mater Dei 48  
Harrison 34, Central 36, Mater Dei, 73, Memorial  
83  
Central 30, Reitz 31, Mater Dei 88  
North Posey Invitational; Mater Dei tied for 9th  
out of 12, score 227

**MAKE TIME TO TAKE TIME:** Coach Herb Neighbors takes timings in the 3.1 mile sectional race held at Wesselman Park. Neighbors has coached the team for three years. (Photo by Mary Ellert)





CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: FRONT ROW: Todd Rexing, Mary Weidner, Stephanie Purcell, Laura Alsop, and statistician Gretchen Hillenbrand. BACK ROW: Mike Locklar, Pat Russel, Roger Brown, Rob Montgomery, and Coach Herb Neighbors. (Photo by Bob Straub)

## 'On the Road Again'

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Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again" was not only a popular hit but a slogan relating to the cross country team. The running Wildcats closed out their season with a good attitude. "This season has proved to be demanding and humorous. It was a pleasure to coach the team," complimented Coach Mr. Herb Neighbors.

The possibility of a team this year was very slim, because only four runners were participating; five were needed to qualify as a team. As a result, the four runners could only compete for individual results after the season had started. However, the team's worries were over when junior Pat Russel decided to join. The Wildcats were then able to compete as a team.

The top 3.1 mile runners for the 'Cats were senior Roger Brown, juniors Rob Montgomery, Mike Locklar, and Pat Russel, and freshman Todd Rexing. Senior Stephanie Purcell, Mary Weidner, and Laura Alsop were performers in the two mile run.

Senior Roger Brown ran cross country for a couple of seasons.

"With Mr. Neighbors as my coach, I kind of felt obligated to run cross country because he made me what I was in track and field last year," stated Brown.

Juniors Mike Locklar and Rob Montgomery have been on the team for three years. During sectionals, Montgomery ran his best time — 18:25.

Senior Mary Weidner participated in cross country her first

and last year.

"If we gave out awards, Mary would receive the one for most improved," complimented Mr. Neighbors.

Senior Stephanie Purcell commented, "Cross country was a lot different this year than it was last year. Last year, the girls and guys ran together, and we ran 3.1 miles. This year we are on a different team than the guys."

Senior Laura Alsop also joined the team her first and last

**"This season proved to be demanding and humorous."**

**— Coach Herb Neighbors**

year. "I went out for the team to help my endurance for the track team," she explained.

Fresh runner, Todd Rexing, stated, "Being the only freshman wasn't bad; it was just the hills we all had to run."

The personal efforts of each team member mixed. They didn't exactly make music together, but as Willie Nelson sings, they were often "on the road."

— Marty May

**Cathy Roe's comment, "Yeah, I felt silly, but isn't that the whole idea?" really summarized Mater Dei's spirit Halloween weekend. Crazyness abounded as students crept the streets and packed the parties as pancakes, bunnies, witches, and vampires.**

"Hey dracula, get your head out of the cooler!" Obviously, the person that said this wasn't talking to the real dracula, but to one of his late-October-look-alikes.

Along with Halloween came ghosts, goblins, and other assorted creatures. Several costume parties were thrown for the Halloween occasion, and an assort-

ment of Mater Dei personalities turned out.

Regarding these costumes and emerging personalities, senior Laura Gerber commented, "I thought Angie Elliot's costume was neat; she was dressed as a vampiress."

Other costumed students included Carol Schmitt as a giant pancake, Martha May as a scuba diver, and Lori Whelan and Krista Elpers dressed as twin bunny rabbits. Senior Mary Weidner said, "Angie Hilakos' and Jackie Kissel's costumes were really unique. They dressed as chickens and were all covered with feathers. They had big chicken feet and even wore chicken heads!"

Sherri Ricketts, senior, was dressed as a little girl and she said her costume was the result of a last resort.

"I just took an old dress and cut it real short. I got a pair of ruffley panties and carried around a big sucker all night."

When Carla Decamps, senior vampiress, was asked how it felt to NOT be herself for one night, she said, "Vedy good, (ha-ha). No, I thought it was fun. You could act really ignorant and it wouldn't matter. People I know really well and see almost every day didn't even recognize me!"

Some party-goers wouldn't dress up because they felt "silly." Debbie Beach, senior clown, explained, "Well, at first I felt silly, but when I got to the party and saw everyone else dressed up, it turned out to be pretty much fun. There were really some neat ideas too!"

Cathy Roe, escape convict and senior, said, "Yeah, I felt silly, but isn't that the whole idea?"

— Lisa Scheller

**DONOVAN BE-WITCH:** Junior Shannon Donovan created an eerie mood by stirring dry ice at the Halloween Volleyball Sectional pep assembly. (Photo by Larry Schapker)

## Halloween silliness snags personalities





**HALLOWEEN BUN-PUSHER** Flo Russel, cafeteria lady, shows her spirit before Halloween. All the ladies dressed up to serve the students. (Photo by Mary Ellert)

**MONEY MONGRELS** Senior Laura Gerber, freshmen Jeannie Gerber and Jill Braun rest and count their profits from selling Halloween candy for the Evansville Association for Retarded Citizens. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



# 'Band on the run'

The summer started early for Mr. Kurt Wambach, band director; Mrs. Sandy Wenzel, Band Booster Club president; and the Band Booster Club. Their goal was to redesign the entire band uniform to match the new direction that the band was taking. The traditional band was out, and the "corp style" was replacing it. This new approach included a new attitude, and it changed the entire outward appearance of the band.

At Camp Crescendo near Lebanon Junction Kentucky, the band was introduced to a short, husky, dark-haired man named Mr. Bill Parkey. His purpose was to design the band's contest show. Mrs. Wenzel said, "I really think he's the spark that lighted the band." The band affectionately called him "Mr. Bill."

At camp, another figure drew much attention and gave much support to the band. Because she did this at camp and throughout the year, Mrs. Sandy Wenzel became known to younger band members as "Grandma" and to senior band members as "Mom."

On the last morning of camp, the band performed for the first time for a

group of parents and other spectators including show designer Parkey. After entering the field, the band stopped, counted off, and yelled in unison, "Thank you Mr. Bill!!! Oooh noooo!"

The band later performed at some eight football games, five contests, and two parades. The band brought in some eleven trophies in competition.

The setting was the football field at Heritage Hills High School September 12, 1981. As the competition ended, a weary yet ecstatic band raced across the field to the drum major. As the band huddled about him, the figures of Jeff Wenzel and five trophies rose above the massive crowd of confused red and gold to the cheer of "We're number one!" This was perhaps the greatest victory in the history of the Mater Dei band.

"It was the greatest feeling," said Mrs. Wenzel. "I have never been so proud."

On October 3, 1981 at District Contest in Jasper, Indiana, Wambach's voice was heard saying, "Hold it, Jeff!" cutting through the count-off of the band. The band had not been given permission to take the field in competition by the mas-

ter of ceremonies. A surprised Jeff simply stopped and waited for the word to start. The band won three trophies at Jasper.

On the eve of Halloween the band traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio to compete at Glen Este High School in a division with nine other Ohio bands. As the trophies were awarded, the band and a following of parents cheered on two smiling figures on the field below. While awaiting the decision of the judges, Wambach could be seen directing the cheers to be louder and then softer as if signaling a crescendo and then a decrescendo. The band responded with the thrill of victory in their voices. Never had the Mater Dei Band done so well against so many bands. The band took home a proud third place out of nine bands their size.

This was a year of change and victory for the band, and behind the scenes, Mr. Wambach masterminded and planned one of the band's most successful years.

— Kevin Dick

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THE MARCHING WILDCATS: FRONT ROW: MAJORETTES: Amy Castleman, LaChere Ansinger, Melissa Long, Tracy Slaton, Barb Deeg, Melony Dolletzki, Sheri Dezember, and Drum Major Jeff Wenzel. 2ND ROW: FLAG CORP: Kristi Raleigh, Teresa Baughn, Cindy Wingert, Lisa Shetler, Shelly Gries, Elaine Schulteis, Diane Bell, Trina Kinney, Lisa Kempf. 3RD ROW: Jenny Jochin, Sandy Schmitt, Jeanne Winstead, Joy Nurrenburn, Stacey Riley, Kris Koresell, Laura Knoll, Chris Pauli, Michelle Hawkins. BAND MEMBERS: 4TH ROW: Fred Kercher, Mark Seng, Tony Taylor, Alan Burdette, Jeanne Rivard, Peter Emmert, Pat Reisinger, Kevin Dick. 5TH ROW: Dwight Emmert, Tonya Crothers, Patty Alsop, Greg Culley, Tina Scott, Christie Neale, Brad Oliver, Greg Lehman. 6TH ROW: Jim Pauli, Mike Neale, Mary Deig, Betsy Briedenbach, Greta Emmert, Abby Baker, Cindy Neale, Chris Corcoran. 7TH ROW: Chris Paul, Dan Briedenbach, Amy Lindenschmidt, Darla Lichtenberger, Ann Groves, Stacy Baker, Julie Haller, Dennis Marx, Matt Crowe. BACK ROW: Ann Rode, Chris Hertel, Mary Ann Scheller, Lori Duncan, Jim Reynolds, Jerry Grannan, and Ron Schneider. (Photo by Bob Straub)





**HUM DRUM:** After long hours of marching at Camp Cresendo in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky, sophomore percussion member Tony Taylor collapses. The band stayed there one week preparing for the upcoming season. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**SNACKIN' AND SNOOZIN':** CLOCKWISE: Band members Peter Emmert, Stacy Baker, Mary Ann Scheller, Julie Haller, Dan Haller, Lori Duncan, and Greta Emmert gather around for a game of poker before bedtime in a church cafeteria after a competition in Cincinnati, Ohio. (Photo by Missy Burdette)

**FLUTE FANATIC:** Freshman Amy Lindenschmidt concentrates to keep the melody with the other band members (Photo by Mary Ellert)



# Camps for champs

Camps meant a lot of fun and games for most of us, but that wasn't the case for junior drum major Jeff Wenzel this summer.

Jeff spent the second week of his summer at Western Kentucky learning the skills of a drum major. Instead of swimming, hiking and sleeping late, camp activities consisted of waking early to jumping jacks and calisthenics. The remainder of the day was restricted to learning and practicing the different ways to direct a band. This included bringing a band on and off the field properly and charting field, which is mapping the band's marching pattern on the field.

"You had a test on everything. You learned to make sure that you knew how to do it. If you didn't understand something, there was time during the day when you could talk to the teacher in charge," said Jeff.

In addition to all this, Jeff had to be able to count and direct 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 time.

When Jeff got back from the West-

ern Kentucky camp, he still had another camp to attend before he could show off his new skill at the football games. Camp Crescendo, in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky, provided an opportunity for Mater Dei band members to get together and



ATTENTION: Junior Jeff Wenzel salutes to the crowd at the Fall Festival Parade. This year was Jeff's first experience as drum major with the Wilcat band. (Photo by Missy Burdette)

learn a show. Jeff explained that although he had learned a few things up at band camp, the majority of his learning had already taken place before that.

Jeff started getting interested in drum majoring when there was an open position for one in the Mater Dei band. Only a few people were trying out; therefore, he thought he would give it a try. Jeff, along with several other auditioners, had to march, yell out commands, direct different pieces of music, and answer pop questions that Mr. Kurt Wambach, the band director, asked. The reason for the questions was to see which person could explain and answer without great delay or confusion — a very important skill for one in charge of a band. Jeff was judged by Wambach and eight students — two from each class. The few conflicts which he had confronted for the first time made him into a first place Mater Dei drum major.

— Jeanne Rivard



A TOUCH OF BRASS: Dan Haller was one of the many Pep Band members who provided half-time entertainment at all the home basketball games. This was Dan's third year in the MD band. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)

PRACTICE MAKES PERCUSSION: Drummers Ron Schneider, Mark Seng, Mike Neale, and Greg Culley keep the beat with the band while practicing for the upcoming contest at Castle High School. (Photo by Mary Ellert)







**MARCHING MADNESS** Cindy Neale, Alan Burdette, and Betsy Briedenbach complete their journey down Franklin street during the Fall Festival Parade. The two-mile trek was one of the shortest parades the band marched in. (Photo by Missy Burdette)

**COMPETITION CRAZE** During a comfortable day at Vincennes, the Wildcat band came home with a third-place trophy. This was another chance to display its new marching routine. (Photo by Missy Burdette)



**BOOGIE WOOGIE BUGLE BOY** Senior Jerry Grannan adds some fun to an exhausting early morning practice at band camp. Jerry performed trumpet solos during many of the band's halftime performances and plans to pursue a musical career. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**PUCKER UP** Trumpet players Jerry Grannan, Jeff Wenzel, Lori Duncan, and Mary Ann Scheller give their lips a workout during band class. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



## Pom pon girls march to beat of a different drummer

In the fading summer months of '81, the Mater Dei band was entertaining a question of great concern. "What should we do with the pom pon squad?" With the band tuning military, there was no great need for pom pons. In competition, they were simply overlooked by judges as good or fair. A checkmark was their grade. On the other side of the coin, the feeling had become mutual. "What should we do with the band?" The pom pons gave it much thought before they decided to perform on an independent basis.

In late August, the pom pon squad went to a camp separate from the band in Lebanon, Kentucky. However, many members agreed that it was a waste of time.

"I thought it was a lot of work and too little effort. We learned three routines — including the school song and marching — but that was about the extent of it, though," stated senior co-captain Kathy Koressel.

Despite the extremes pressed on them, co-captains Sarah Rexing, Kathy Koressel, and sponsor Ms. Carol Kasbohm were determined not to give in.

"We scheduled all of our practices, made up our own routines, and taught them to the rest of the squad," said Kathy.

The old saying "practice makes perfect" proved itself true when the squad closed the season with their only competition at state level at Owen's Valley High School in Spencer, Indiana. The pom pons brought home three first division-superior ratings and two second division-excellent ratings. The entire squad won a first division rating for its "Big Spender" routine and won a plaque, on display at school.

"I could do it again, I would," said Kathy. "It was a lot of fun and I gained from the experiences."

— Mike Kaiser

**POM PON SQUAD:** LEFT TO RIGHT: Cheryl Greenwell, Mary Beshears, Kris Kissel, Lisa Mills, Angie Hlakas, Toni Weinzapfel, Mary Teipe, Sherri Ricketts, Sarah Rexing, Kathy Koressel, Laura Hutchison, Kathy Boes, Lisa Spahn, Sally Reising, Karen Raleigh, Kelle Beshears, Carol Thornton, Missy Schmitt. NOT PICTURED: Mindy Ficker, MAJORITIES AND FLAG GIRLS PICTURED ON PAGE 38. (Photo by Bob Straub)

**... AND WHEN YOU'RE NOT, YOU'RE NOT:** During inclement weather within the halls of Mater Dei, these pom pons found the only way to beat the cold was not to "bare" arms. (Photo by Beth Leabeter)

**"WE GOT THE BEAT":** Several senior members of the pom pon squad warm up for homecoming performance at a previous assembly. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)

**PRETTY MAIDENS ALL IN A ROW:** Many people looked forward to halftime performance. In this game against North, pom pons line up for a kick routine. (Photo by Scott Allman)



AND REMEMBER, ALWAYS SMILE!! Junior Sally Reising "puts on a happy face" at the halftime performance during a basketball game against Memorial. All smiles disappeared though, as the Cats went down in defeat 51-44. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

IF ONLY THEY COULD SEE ME NOW: Junior Sheri DeZemmer, who won a second division rating in Beginner Solo at the State Solo and Ensemble contest during the weekend of March 27th, flag girls Shelly Gries, Chris Pauli, Cindy Wingert, and Lisa Kempf, and freshman LaChere Anslinger all display their winning forms which won over many a crowd this past year. At State competition, the majorette corp scored a 96 out of a possible 100 to win a Division I in Intermediate team. (Photos by Bret Kornelink, Missy Burdette, and Bret Kornelink)



DRUMROLL, PLEASE Senior Mary Teipe freezes in anticipation of the announcement concerning the new Homecoming Queen during Football Homecoming halftime. (Photo by Larry Schapker)

REACH FOR THE STARS Freshmen Mindy Ficker and Kris Kissel go through a maneuver in one of their halftime routines. Both girls lettered in their first year out. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)



**SP-IR-IT:** Enthusiasm and pep are two of the main ingredients for a supportive cheering section. Senior and three-year cheerleader Julie Burch gets the fans up off their feet during a time out. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**PRE-GAME STRATEGY:** Juniors Brooke Heathcotte and Julie Rexing chat with the rest of the squad before performing the starting lineup. Their effort paid off as the Wildcats defeated Vincennes Rivet. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



**DONT ANYONE MOVE:** All three cheerleading squads take time out to form a spectacular mount. (By squad, not a picture indent.) **FRESHMEN:** Julie Kempf, Heidi Hillenbrand, Lori Laib, Kelly Seitz, and Britt Heathcotte. **RESERVE:** captain Julie Rexing,

Sherry Schneider, Jenny Townsend, Mindy McBride, and Julie Goelzhauser. The alternate was Jenny Beyer. **VARSITY:** captain Felicia Smith, Julie Burch, Karen L. Rheinlander, Barb Seitz, and Brooke Heathcotte. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



**Y-E-L-L EVERYBODY YELL:** Although the Wildcats were losing, cheerleading captain Felicia Smith kept up her spirit. Despite her efforts, the team lost the Homecoming game against Memorial. (Photo by Rob Zigenius)

**ROWDIE AND READY:** Junior Karen L. Rheinlander gets the MD students fired up during a pep assembly prior to the Castle football game. Karen has been a member of the cheerleading squad for three years. (Photo by Belhe Ledbetter)

## 'Get up and move'

When talking about change, Mrs. Becky Larson had been through it all. Not only had she recently been married, and served on jury duty, but she also inherited 15 new "kids." These "new kids" were the freshmen, reserve, and varsity cheerleaders for 1981-82. At the beginning of the year, Mrs. Larson took over as cheerleading sponsor for Mrs. Debra Willis.

Junior Karen Lynn Rheinlander spoke for many of the cheerleaders when commenting about Larson: "She has worked very hard to keep us organized. She also had to learn a lot about what was going on."

Larson remarked, "The biggest accomplishment this year was building of self-confidence of the squad as well as incorporating some gymnastics into different routines."

Before departing for the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) camp at Vincennes University in mid-June, the cheerleaders kicked off their annual fundraising campaign. They decided to do something a little different this year. Stadium cushions with the slogan "We Support Mater Dei Athletics" were sold at various football and basketball games throughout the year. The cushions were sponsored by West Side businesses and former Mater Dei students. Before the sale, Larson speculated that if all the cushions were sold, the squads would make "enough to go to Hawaii!" Although this goal was not reached, it was one of the most profitable fundraisers ever for the cheerleaders.

At the NCA camp, a few hours each day were set aside for competition as each of the squads tried to get the highest rating possible. The varsity squad represented Mater Dei well, receiving a blue "superior" ribbon during each evalua-

tion session. During four of those five days the reserves followed in the varsity's footsteps by also capturing blue ribbons.

Spirit sticks were presented each day to squads who showed the most enthusiasm and friendliness toward the other cheerleaders. Mater Dei's varsity and reserve cheerleaders together received a spirit stick four days in a row. Since they received one on the last day, they were able to bring it home with them.

In addition, Jenny Townsend received an individual honor. Out of about 30 girls, she was one of the five finalists chosen to be "Miss Cheerleader." These girls had to do a cheer of their choice, plus answer a few personal questions about themselves in front of the whole camp.

Although the cheerleaders did well at camp, there was one disappointment. Reserve cheerleader Julie Goelzhauser became injured and was unable to compete for the rest of the week. This injury led to more problems throughout the season, therefore, she was forced to give up her position to alternate Jenny Beyer.

"Jenny has adjusted real well. At first she was a little nervous about learning all the new cheers, but she came along fine," commented Jennifer Townsend.

Reserve cheerleader Sherry Schneider summed up how she felt about the season. "The thing I enjoy most about cheerleading this year is we were all good friends so we worked well together, had a good time, and at the same time raised school spirit."

— Felicia Smith



# THE APPLE TAKEOVER





THE DOCTOR IS IN: Freud, the psychologist, proved to be one of the most popular games the Apple had to offer. Freud is just one of the wide selection of games programmed into the Apple. (Photo by Larry Schapker)

COMPUTER WORKOUT: Junior Tony Farmer works diligently at a computer game. He was a member of computer club during first semester. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



THE UNIVERSE AT HIS FINGERTIPS: The computer age came to the halls of Mater Dei with the purchase of the Apple II. Science teacher Mr. Tom Dick was responsible for programming the computer. Bill Basden, as seen by the computer. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

RUN APPLEPOST.....  
.....BEEP, BEEP, BEEP.....

Applepost?! What was Applepost? Applepost, a fairly sophisticated computer that took on a personality of its own, joined the ranks of Mater Dei in late August. Its cost was approximately \$3,500. It was paid for strictly by private contributions, according to science teacher Mr. Tom Dick.

"Right now computers are in the stage that calculators were in five to six years ago," commented Mr. Dick, who programmed the computer.

When one stuck a disc of approximately four inches in diameter into the mouth of Applepost, it produced anything from brightly colored "Space Eggs" to a mailing list for the school.

Other than recreational use and vital information storage, Applepost was used for learning. Sister Mary Francis' data processing class used the computer to learn about it, what it does, and the effect it will have on technology. They learned two basic computer languages and how to write computer programs.

Sr. Francis stated, "I think it's important to get acquainted with it because it is the future."

For those students who were interested in computer technology as a career later on in life or were interested in it just as a hobby, Mr. Dick offered a Computer Club on schedule A.

It's a good experience and you learn a lot," sophomore club member Mike Hammers said. "It helps you if you are planning to go into a field involving computers. Mr. Dick teaches it well."

Mr. Richard Keith helped Dick with the club. "Due to lack of experience and background, the club has started slowly but individual interest is picking up," he commented about the newly-formed club.

Finally, what good would a computer be if the students could not play games on it during lunch periods? Every day, between five and thirty students frequented the halls outside the science office to play games such as Alien Rain, Golf, Star Trek, and many, many more.

Go ahead and play the games but don't be too surprised if you find yourself tensing as the "space bombs" blow up your last man.

— Tina Boarman



# THE TAKEOVER

SALUTATION!!! My code is A2L0001A. Now you can call me "A" or you can call me "A2L0" or you can call me "A2L0001A," but I would prefer you call me "APPLE!"

I moved to Mater Dei-ville in the summer of '81 and am presently residing in the Science Office where I can be close to Papa-beep — Mr. Dick — to you.

I am on special assignment to give you an inside look at what goes on behind Mater Dei doors.

First of all, I wasn't the only newcomer to the big MD. Eight new teachers were added to the faculty staff this year including my cohorts, Mr. John Stratman, Miss Darla Edwards, Mrs. Cindy Weis,



QUEEN FOR A DAY: Physical Education and gym teacher, Miss Darla acted as "faculty homecoming queen" at a pep assembly for the football game against Bosse. Miss Edwards served as a senior class sponsor during her first year at Mater Dei. (Photo by Mary Ellen)

Sister Carlita Koch, Miss Sheryl Graham, Mr. Charlie Martin, Ms. Karen Fitzpatrick, and Ms. Lisa Ledman. One man, however, stood out among the crowd — new principal, Mr. Joseph Delehunt. He brought with him new ideas, new vitality, and a deep understanding of people. He filled the spot at the head of our Mater Dei family. Beep ... and now on with the show ...

¡Hola mis amigos! ¿Como estan? Beep ... recharge. Sorry wrong language. I learned a few lines of Spanish from Margarita and Luisa Silva, our exchange students from San Salvador. These Spanish-speaking students gave Spanish teacher, Mrs. Mary Patry a chance to practice her bi-lingual talents. A few classes throughout the year were centered on experiences of their lives south of the border.

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MUSIC MAN: John Stratman, English teacher entertains the crowd at a Western Dance. Stratman and the rest of the Clinch Creek Band boosted the Journalism Departments Western Dances to success. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





MMMMMMMM: Mr. Charlie Martin, junior religion teacher, samples batter. His students prepared goods for a bake sale; the profits were sent to the Evansville Food Bank. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

TABLE TALK. Ms. Karen Fitzpatrick talks with students Chris Fulkerson and Tanya Crothers at the Western Dance. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



## Teacher Trivia

What do you get when you put together a Kentuckian, country-rock musician, weightlifter, new auntie, singer, chef, famed female jock, and a peace activist? Usually mass confusion! This group, however, enriched the Mater Dei teaching staff with their wide range of personalities, ideas, and interests. The eight new members of the faculty included Sr. Carlita Koch, Mr. John Stratman, Miss Darla Edwards, Ms. Karen Fitzpatrick, Miss Sheryl Graham, Ms. Lisa Ledman, Mrs. Cindy Weis, and Mr. Charlie Martin.

Sr. Carlita Koch was Mother Superior at Ferdinand for eight years. Upon returning to Evansville (she was born on the west side and an M.D. graduate) Sr. Carlita fit back into Evansville and Mater Dei High School as a religion teacher and active member of the "Benediction for Peace Coalition."

She stated, "Since the invention of nuclear energy, everything has changed except our way of thinking."

On the night of the Journalism Western Dance, a man stood on stage, a familiar figure, now wearing jeans and a cowboy hat that transformed him into the performer who, along with the rest of the Clinch Creek Band boosted the Journalism Department Western Dances to success. This cowboy was none other than Mr. John Stratman, Composition and Language Arts teacher.

Mr. Stratman stated "I liked playing here at Mater Dei because it gave the students a

chance to see me in a different light."

Stratman plays the guitar and the harmonica. His performances at the Western Dances were the main reason for his success.

Even though Miss Darla Edwards, driver education and physical education instructor, was a new teacher she was a familiar face around school. Last year, Darla taught second semester biology classes as a sub and coached the girls reserve volleyball and tennis teams.

In addition to coaching, Miss Edwards is an athlete in her own right. She participated in volleyball and softball at U. of E. where she graduated in 1980.

In regards to teaching and coaching, Miss Edwards stated, "I enjoy the young people. They always seem to amaze me in one way or another. I am always learning from them."

"Experience you get student teaching is idealistic," commented English teacher Ms. Karen Fitzpatrick, referring to the challenges she faced after graduation when she taught her first class.

Ms. Fitzpatrick graduated from the University of Kentucky with majors in education and communications. She teaches speech, written expression, functional writing and communications.

In addition to parachuting, Ms. Fitzpatrick enjoys camping, and snow skiing. An avid weightlifter, she stated, "I'm a fitness nut!"

When Mater Dei played Memorial, Miss Sheryl Graham cheered for the Wildcats despite

the fact that she was a Memorial graduate.

The first year Geometry and Algebra teacher explained, "I think the Mater Dei kids get along better. I think there is more community and spirit here."

Miss Graham, who graduated from the University of Evansville with a major in math, decided upon teaching as her career choice "because of the teacher I had, especially my high school math teacher."

After her first year at the job, Miss Graham stated, "I learned that I can be a disciplinarian, but have a good time in the classroom at the same time; there's a good balance."

Miss Lisa Ledman graduate of Ball State University, teaches Sociology, World Geography, and Government at Mater Dei.

In her spare time she enjoys music and sports. Ledman organized a weightlifting club for girls, and accepted the job of assistant coach for the girls' track team.

When asked what she accomplished this year, Ledman said, "I didn't have a nervous breakdown!"

From a farm in Brown, Illinois to Mater Dei's choir room, Mrs. Cindy Weis was hired to be the new choir director just a week before school started.

"The only problem was I didn't know what was going on, such as meeting days and what equipment was available," the University of Evansville vocal major commented.

Mrs. Weis hopes to rejuvenate the choir program at M.D. "I

would like to see the number of students involved grow," she speculated. "I'd like the students who don't think they are musically talented to give it a try," she added.

The religion department received a new member this year, as Mr. Charlie Martin joined the faculty.

Martin, who hailed from Indianapolis, taught three junior classes and one Sophomore class. Using a very relaxed and unstructured style in the classroom, he attributed this "laid back" format to the fact that as Diocesan Youth Minister (a position that he filled from 1973 to 1977 in Evansville), he dealt with students mostly at retreats, and felt that it is a very productive method.

"You learn as much as you teach" he said.

Outside of school Martin enjoys a variety of hobbies. Martin has done a lot of backpacking in Canada and the western United States. He enjoys playing the guitar and listening to almost any type of music, although folk music is his favorite. He also plays tennis and runs in much of his free time. One of his favorite pastimes is cooking.

"I'm excited about my life and I want to live it to the fullest, and that includes a lot of different things," Martin concluded.

— Beth Leabatter  
— Mary Ellert  
— Krista Grossman  
— Martha May  
— Mike Hammers

## Cats' welcome mat

"I couldn't believe that I wasn't bored for a minute," was Debbie Beach's response to the Carmi Illinois Jazz Band and Chorus assembly. The group who came on March 24, entertained everyone with the popular hit songs of Kenny Rogers and other contemporary music. Debbie continued, "The way the singers and band sounded really caught my ear." The high school students, who tour from place to place year round, received a standing ovation for their performance. This group was just one of the many guests who came to Mater Dei. The most popular guest of the year and most enthusiastically received presentation was that of Dr. Ray Short, author of "Sex, Love, or Infatuation? How do I know?" Short spoke to the student body about the differences between love and infatuation. "Dr. Short's speech wasn't just a recruiting effort for himself, but something to benefit us," commented Jill Rexing, junior.

Susan Scheller, junior, added, "He has given all of us something to base our feelings on and a way to sort out the differences." Many guest speakers that visited MD catered to individual classes only. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Klenck, parents of Amy, met with senior religion classes to discuss the pros and

cons of marriage. Jeff Martin stated, "It was a good experience because they showed us what being married was really like." The senior consumer economics classes, instructed by Mrs. Pat Welsh, welcomed Jim Will junior, employed by Will Insurance Agency, on his talk about different types of insurance claims. "He was very fascinating and told us some really great stories," said Janice Hassler.

First semester psychology class listened in on two guest speakers this year. An amateur astrologist spoke to the class on astrology and explained how to follow your zodiac sign. Prosecuting Attorney Jeffery Lance described different types of criminal justice. Shannon Estep, senior commented, "He was really interesting and informative; everyone really enjoyed it."

Bob Pigman, also a Deputy and Prosecuting Attorney, talked to second semester government classes about his experiences with crime and punishment. Pigman's visit was very timely because he was the Prosecuting Attorney in the McReynolds case.

Although we have many teachers within the school, guest speakers from the community provide a refreshing approach to learning for MD students.

— Krista Grossman



**TO THE POINT:** Leading the speech team to a successful year was coach Sr. Jane Michele McClure. The Speech team finally earned its National Forensics League Charter. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**TELL IT LIKE IT IS:** Junior Speech team member Mike Locklar gets his point across during his speech at the Reitz meet. His many ribbons proved him to be an effective speaker. (Photos by Alan Burdette)





**LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE WALKING:** Senior Marlene Schentrup prepares for her speech at Reitz. Marlene talked her way to a Regional championship and advanced to State competition. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**WARMING UP:** Sophomores Missy Burdette and Karen Backes psyche-up before the speech competition at Reitz. The two competed in the category of Dual Interpretation. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

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Other unique people and classroom experiences will long be kept in my memory bank ...

Beep ... contact memory ... The scene was the Advanced Biology room. I'll never forget the look on junior Gretchen Hillenbrand's face when classmate Dan Klausmeyer threw a baby shark down her shirt. Or how about the famous dish of lasagna conjured up in Foods Class? The lid stuck to the pan and it was beyond repair. Stephanie Schenk, Amy Castleman, Diana Weinzapfel, Karen Spahn, and Debbie Elpers were sure embarrassed!

On a more serious note, I recall senior Marlene Schentrup brought honor to Coach Sister Jane Michele, Mater Dei, and the speech team by placing first in the Regional Speech Meet and advancing to State competition.

Yes, the people of Mater Dei are close-knit. Attending a Catholic school sets my student friends apart from public school students around the area. I especially enjoyed the masses. At the first one, a person from each homeroom brought to the altar a gift-wrapped box as an offering of Celebration. During the mass celebrating the Immaculate Conception, four freshmen girls dressed in

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**CROWD PLEASER:** Mater Dei was treated with a presentation by Dr. Ray Short on "Love and Infatuation." He outlined 14 different ways to determine between the two. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)

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**BIRD SOAP???:** Sophomores Trina Kinney and Deanna Harlein present their commercial on bird soap in German II class. (Photo by Leslie Stratman)

white robes performed a dramatic liturgical dance. At the mass before Lent, all the students came down from the bleachers and stood around the altar as a sign of unity.

Aside from the mass, the religion classes constructed a huge Lenten collage representing life and death.

This is certainly a group of very special people. Sniff . . . sniff . . . excuse me but all this sentiment is going to cause me to blow some vital wires . . . Beep . . . sniff . . . beep . . . Recharge!!! I've taken in so many different personalities over the past year. I'll never forget the first time I met the mayor. I'm not talking about Mr. Mike Vandever but rather Mr. Brock "I-can-sell-my-candy" Nicholson himself. He could probably teach Michael D. a few tricks of the trade when it comes to pleasing his people. With the aid of the police force, councilmen, Clerk Amy Klenck, and Judge Dan Gossman, Nicholson made student government visible to the citizens of Mater Dei-ville. The parking law was changed due to police-student controversies over exactly how far a car could be parked on the yellow lines before a ticket could be issued.

On a lighter side, the administration okayed the council's bid for the option of girls' pullovers in place of the regulation cardigan sweaters.

Student Government even gave me hopes for the future. I've already prog-

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**A LONG WAY FROM HOME:** Margarita and Louisa Silva have attended Mater Dei for two years as foreign students from San Salvador. Margarita, a senior, was chosen by her peers to serve on the May Court. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

**VISITORS FOR VACATION:** Exchange students from Marian Heights spent Thanksgiving with freshman Angie Etheron. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



**TAKING THE CAKE:** Junior Sue Bradley is honored by her German III class with a special cake. As a result of the high marks she received on a series of German tests, Sue will travel to Germany this summer. (Photo by Rob Zigentfus)

**GERMAN STUFFING:** Juniors Dan Rexing and sophomore Steve Scheller demonstrate the pros and cons of a German bra. The German II class did a series of demonstrations on different products using German to describe them. (Photo by Leslie Stratman).

## Change of scenery

Imagine this: you are thousands of miles from your home, in a land of strange faces, and with an even stranger language. You miss your family, your home, and your own ways of life.

This is how Margarita and Louisa Silva first felt when they arrived in America from El Salvador.

Margarita and Louisa are living with Mr. and Mrs. Steven Halbig. The Halbigs have three children of their own; Julie, 12; Mark, 9; and Kent, 4 years old.

Communication was a problem to begin with, Margarita said. "It was easy to get frustrated because it was hard trying to understand what people were saying to you."

Concerning miscommunications, Mrs. Marce Halbig said, "I don't think it was real bad; I did have to listen closely. I haven't learned any Spanish myself, but I feel like maybe I should have."

In El Salvador the parties are more like our high school dances. The focus isn't put on alcohol and food, but on dancing and spending time with friends. El Salvador bars don't have set drinking ages; it

is normal for a young person to walk in and order himself a drink, run among the most popular. "Our parties are a lot different from those here in Evansville. Once we were asked to go to a party and it was very different from what we expected," the girls explained.

It is not unusual to see a couple riding the bus on a date," Margarita said. With gas being \$3 a gallon and because of the abundance of public transportation, cars are not a major necessity.

Another big contrast in the two is dress. "You don't see ladies walking around in shorts and tube tops," she said. In fact if a female is seen dressed in this fashion, she surely isn't considered a lady. Jeans are not that popular neither. The main dress is slacks, skirts, or dresses.

Asked the overall feelings of taking in the Silvas, Mrs. Halbig said that Margarita and Louisa get along well with their own kids, although there are times of dispute.

"Overall we've really enjoyed having them, they're just like one of the family," she concluded.

— Lisa Scheller



"... HALLOWED BE THY NAME": Shannon Donovan, flanked by guitar players Dave Prunty and Father Herr, sings the "Lord's Prayer" during the Immaculate Conception mass. Donovan is a two year member of the Marian singing group. (Photo by Beth Leabetter)

STRUMMIN' AND HUMMIN': Retreat Director Mr. Dave Seibert, Roger Angermeier, Retreat Emcee Mr. Dave Stratman, and Dennis Marx plan and practice songs for mass while on the sophomore retreat, "Ephphatha." Angermeier later performed a solo to "Dust in the Wind" which earned him a standing ovation. (Photo by Leslie Stratman)



## Treat yourself

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"Hey Cutey, what are you doing this weekend?"

"I don't have plans. What did you have in mind?"

"Well, I know of this terrific spot near Lynnville with a lake and lots of trees. There's a place nearby and we could stay for the weekend. Everyone needs a chance to just get away for awhile."

"I don't know if my mom would be too crazy about that idea. We're only 15!"

"I'm talking about a retreat, silly! It's this weekend at Temple Hills."

A group of students from the sophomore religion classes got a chance to be together over the weekend of November 20th thru 22nd. It was the first of two retreats to be taken. As of this deadline, the April 23rd through 25th trip had not yet been taken.

Mrs. Leslie Stratman, her husband Dave, co-director Mr. Dave Seibert, and a group of adults known as the "Team," accompanied the students on the retreat.

"Ephphatha," the name given to the retreat, means "Be Opened." It included a series of talks, workshops, and group discussions. Topics included the need for others, God, self, school, and community. A Contemporary Issues session was added to the program this year allowing students to ask questions, voice opinions, and discuss everything from school to pressures to childhood memories.

"The openness of the team was neat. They would really talk to you. They're not like an authority — they're like friends," said sophomore Karen Gossman.

Sophomore Terry Hollander commented, "You're in small groups and get to know people in your class. It wasn't too general."

Karen added, "You get to know yourself."

They had found a friend in God, each other, and most importantly, themselves!

— Mary Schenk



STEADY!! Building a pyramid was the last activity the sophomores took part in on the "Ephphatha" retreat. BOTTOM ROW: Roger Baehl, Dennis Marx, team members Bob Mattingly, Jeff Klingler, and Dave Stratman. SECOND ROW: Karen Diefisch, Missy Long, Steve Scheller, Kristi Weinzapfel, and Mary Deig. THIRD ROW: Karen Gossman, Rob Zigenfus, Jeff Mischler. TOP ROW: Terry Hollander and Debbie Bradley. (Photo by Leslie Stratman)



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grammed my election speech for next year. Mater Dei-ville is a city of equal opportunity where even a "greenie" can grow up to be mayor someday.

Although I have absorbed a few compliments around school about my usefulness, I had one doubt as to my importance. Had I been a counterfeit money machine, my popularity would have been limitless. Honestly, how many of you found yourself searching for even a dime to buy the last cookie at a bake sale? Fundraisers, through which students sold Garfield dolls, calendars, M&M's, and other assorted items, left a number of us penniless.

Of course the fundraisers were just a part of the get-up-and-go spirit found within the Mater Dei walls. Sister Jane Michele was once even seen helping sophomore Kent Hertel sell candy. Not even the sudden cloudburst could stop these fearless fundraisers.

I'm happy to report money-making is not the only form of spirit at Mater Dei. The school spirit of the Mater Dei Crazy-cats ... beep ... correction ... Wildcats is probably my favorite part. As you kids say, "It grabs you!" The assemblies over the year even affected me. I am considering having the school song entered in my programming on-what else — a red gold disc.

A particular assembly that received high ratings was the presentation by Professor Ray Short on "Love and In-

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**HAIL MARY:** A liturgical dance was presented by freshmen Krista Schmitt, Ann Rhode, Laura Angermeyer, and Sandy Schmitt at the mass celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. The dance was choreographed by Sr. Sharon and performed to the song "Hail Mary Gentle Woman." (Photo by Bethed Ledbetter)



fatuation." Before his talk, I thought I had a deep lasting relationship with the vending machine downstairs. Now I realize I was only attracted by the Hershey (kiss)! and it was merely infatuation. Seriously, Short got to the "heart" of the subject of love and infatuation and the 14 ways to tell the difference between the two.

I recall the pep assembly for the Mater Dei-Reitz football game given by the Journalism Department. Newspaper editor Kevin Dick, with the aid of a fishing pole and line, helped "tension" hang in the air.

Or how about the candy drive assembly contest with senior Brock Nicholson as the reverend who had the students on their feet yelling, "I can sell my candy!" Juniors Don Rexing and Dan Klausmeter as Mr. and Mrs. **M** were interviewed by John Raben, alias "Mr. Rogers." The freshmen showed their enthusiasm by trying to sell their candy to a Mr. Dick look-alike. Of course, the sophomores did get one of the loudest responses. Somehow, the "boos" they received proved M&M's don't always "make friends."

The volleyball assembly, headed by Coach Darla Edwards, proved to be one of creativity. She got the volleyball players together spelling GO FIGHT WIN by lying in the shape of letters on the gym floor.

The Faculty Feud assembly for the basketball team featured a fight over the

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**GUILTY!** Senior Dan Gossman acts as judge in the Mater Dei court system. Dan also plays varsity football and is the manager of the basketball team. (Photo by Kathy Konrad)

**ORDER IN THE COURT:** Members of the Mater Dei-ville court system pause for a picture after a brief court session. Court is held during club period throughout the year. **FRONT ROW:** Student Recorder Donna Koresell; Clerk Affiliate Clare Becker. **BACK ROW:** Defense Attorney Gary Weinzapfel; Prosecuting Attorney Margaret Tavormina; Defense Attorney Brock Rexing. (Photo by Beth Ledbetter)



**I CAN SELL MY CANDY:** "Reverend" Brock Nicholson, flanked by "body guards" Jim Morrow, Dan Knight, and Ed Lappe, lead the student body in the chant, "I can sell my candy," during the candy sale assembly. Students received a half day off for reaching the sales quota of \$25,000. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)



**STUDENT COUNCIL:** **FRONT ROW:** Stephanie Purcell, Learn Will, Theresa Thornton, Stacy Spalding, Amy Klenk, Tammy Hollander, Joyce Martin, Tom Titzer. **SECOND ROW:** Laura Gerber, Debbie Sanford, Ann Rhode, Mary Schenk, Janice Hassler, Laura Angermeier, Debbie Bradley, Barb Deig, Adviser Sr. Donna Marie. **THIRD ROW:** Julie Kempf, Angie Etherton, Audrey Fulton, Joe Berendez, Eric Moss, Brad Brown, Tony Marx. **BACK ROW:** Andy Voelker, Tammy Weinzapfel, Steve Scheller, Dan Knight, Eric Becker, Bob Culver, Brock Nicholson, Dan Klausmeier, John Wolf, Gary Weinzapfel. **NOT PICTURED:** Angie Hertel, Dan Gossman, Mary Ann Kelle, Barb Selb, Terry Hollander, Laura Angermeier, Angie Etherton. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



**TICKET TIME:** Police Chief Bill Blaxton, writes out one of the many parking violations that kept the Mater Dei Court busy. Approximately 100 parking violations were written this year according to Clerk Affiliate Clare Becker. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

**MR. WONDERFUL:** Mayor Brock Nicholson managed the senior team in the Senior/Faculty basketball game. His managing skills did not pay off; the seniors lost the game 92-91. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



## Brock-n-roll

"Say you want a revolution, well, you know ..."

Did you ever wonder if maybe you were born into the wrong time period for your life style? Well, if so, you were not alone. Brock Nicholson, Mayor of Mater Delville, seemed to have missed his era. His main interests revolve around the 60's, hippies, revolution, and the Beatles.

"I relate to it. I believe in the cause of love and peace," he explained.

During the candy sale senior skit, Brock, flanked by body guards, and addressed as the Reverend Jim Jones, came forward to speak to his followers. He informed them of their hidden talents for selling candy. The crowd of 600 or more, with the majority swaying back and forth, willingly repeated the motivating chant — "I can sell my candy; I can sell my candy; I can sell my candy."

"Brock has qualities that make him a good leader," said Mr. Don Sheridan, math teacher, "especially when it comes to 'I can sell my candy.' Not too many people can get a group

going like that."

"He has a way of winning people over," said Sr. Jane Michele, English teacher.

But being mayor is not all giving speeches and winning people over. Brock's job as mayor included being in charge of student council meetings and acting as a liaison between student council and student body.

At the end of the 1981-82 school year his term concluded, but for Brock, graduation was not to mean the end of politics. In fact, this end was just to be the beginning of a life's ambition to keep close contact with the government.

"First I'll probably join the secret service working as a presidential body guard and maybe get into international affairs. Then I'd like to get strictly into politics," he said.

At 2:15 the final bell rang, the shirt tails came out, the tinted glasses went on, and he stepped into his intamous camouflaged car.

Brock Nicholson — a 60's spirit in an 80's era.

— Lisa Scheller

## Money madness

"The best things in life are free, but you can give them to the birds and bees. Now give me money, that's what I want . . ."

Although this excerpt is from the popular rhythm and blues classic "Money" recorded over 20 years ago, the lyrics could very well pertain to the bizarre rash of fundraisers which bombarded Mater Dei.

"It just seemed like at the beginning of school, we were swamped for about eight weeks with people asking for money for **good** causes," said Miss Darla Edwards.

A veritable smorgasboard of products was offered by the various groups around school. The cheerleaders sold whoopie cushions and homecoming flowers; the Physics Club sold kuchen to finance its annual field trip to Chicago; the Pep Club sold buttons, ribbons, towels, and stuffed animals; the Art Service Club sold Valentine's Day roses, posters, and held a newspaper drive; the band sold magazines and sun catchers; the girls tennis team sold chances on a Garfield stuffed animal; the choir sold calendars; the student council sold parking stickers; the Journalism Department sold yearbooks, patron ads, homeroom ads, Christmas ads, and donuts; the Forensics Club sold

homemade pies; and the football team collected aluminum cans. Whew!!! It's no wonder that Miss Edwards announced to her senior homeroom 202, "This is the first day I'm not collecting money from you!"

Of course, the biggest fundraiser of all was the M&M candy sale. Sponsor Tom Dick speculated that the drive was the most successful attempt at fundraising ever held in Evansville. The MD students brought in over \$25,300. Once again, the freshmen were the top class.

The school's top seller was Kim Kissel, sophomore, who turned in \$453 worth of M&M's. She received the top prize, a cruise on the "Spirit of Evansville" riverboat.

Sister Mary Francis was the top teacher, selling \$151.50 worth of goods!

During the candy sale kickoff assembly, the seniors' and the juniors' skits tied for first place. The \$25 prize was divided between their two treasures.

Although it seemed that virtually every club and team was a little money-hungry, Miss Edwards maintained that, "The benefits we get from those (fundraisers) are worthwhile."

— Mary Elliott

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**PICKING UP THE GOODS:** Sophomore Betsy Bridenbach secures her quota of M&M's at the finish of the Candy Sale Kick-off. Classmates Cheryl Greenwell and senior Clare Becker are in the background. (Photo by Leslie Straitman)

**MAKING OFF WITH M&M's:** Shouldering her part of the candy sale project, sophomore Lisa Kempf makes her way through crowded halls after the sales assembly. Students only attended school a half day in order to start sales. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)



**PRE-SHOW PREPARATION:** Technical crew member Kevin Dick adjusts lighting equipment during the Saturday afternoon Christmas Concert dress rehearsal. Kevin performed in both the singing and instrumental groups. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**SWING CHOIR:** FRONT ROW: Janet Gries, Lori Duncan, Danny Bridenbach, Kevin Dick. SECOND ROW: Mary Ann Scheller, Julie Haller, Roger Angemeier, Dwight Emmert. THIRD ROW: Tanya Crothers, Greta Emmert, Chris Hertel, Pete Emmert. BACK ROW: Lesa Franklin, Brian Helfrich, Alan Burdette. (Photo by Bret Kormelink)

**ONE AND TWO AND ...:** Senior Jerry Grannan practices C.P.R. techniques in health class. "Uncle" Eli and "Aunt" Thelma, parents of Mrs. Debi Harrington (health teacher) taught the mini-course which lasted several weeks. (Photo by Kathy Konrad)



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**CREATIVE CALLIGRAPHY:** Second year art student Pat Doolittle dabbles in artistry during Sr. Sharon's art class. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)

answer bell between Mr. Joe Delehunt and senior Janice Hassler. This was an assembly for firsts; the faculty was garbed in long choir robes, and the students were dressed in assorted weird clothing. Mrs. Pat Welsh got her treat for the day in this assembly by being kissed by senior emcee Andy Alcorn. (It has been called to attention to report that Andy was wearing a protective shield at the time the kiss took place.) As I recall, the students lost the feud — by decision of a faculty panel of judges.

The action taken by the faculty was not limited to just one assembly, however. Led by the musical talent of Mr. John Stratman on his harmonica, the teachers sang their version of "Rocky Top" with "Mater Dei" as the word replacements. Miss Lisa Ledman, one of the "new kids on the block" sang the "Oscar Mayer" song. Just seeing Mrs. Welsh barefooted and the rest of the teachers in old bluejeans proved they are just a bunch of normal red-(and gold) blooded American Wildcats.

Mater Dei students aren't learning within the walls all the time. A long list of names on the absentee means an epidemic or more often a "field trip" has

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been planned for a particular group. On many Monday mornings the halls buzzed with recaps of field trips taken over the past Friday. The Journalism Department traveled to Indiana University for an "On Assignment Day." The students attended a workshop and were given a few hours to roam about the massive campus.

Cincinnati was the sight of the soccer team trip for an indoor-outdoor tournament. Running into a couple of movie stars like Patrick Duffy and Venus Flytrap proved to be a real treat for the team.

Physics fans entered the windy city of Chicago and got a taste of the "big city night life" — panty raids, Geno's pizza, and . . . oh yeah, visiting the Museum of Arts and Sciences.

I think all in all the year was a success, but right now I need to relax and live it up a little. It's Friday night and the lights are out and I've given you my all — Apple down to the core. I think I need a hit of the sauce — the "apple" sauce that is! Eeep! Eeep! This is A2L0001A signing off . . .

— Mary Schenk



**MAX-EXHAUSTION:** Members of the Physics Club, Dan Goodie, Lori Preske, and Jeff Martin rest during a full day of sight seeing in Chicago. Some of the places visited were the Museum of Natural History, the Planitarium, the Aquarium, and the Museum of Science and Industry. (Photo by Larry Schapker)

**WINDY CITY GLITTER:** This photo was taken from the 103rd floor observation deck of the Sears Tower in Chicago. The Tower was one of the many places visited by the Physics Club members during their two day tour of Chicago. (Photo by Larry Schapker)

**IT'S THE LAW:** (at top) Scott Altman discusses his case with local Attorney Chuck Andrus, who posed as judge during the mock trial program sponsored by the Evansville Bar Association. (bottom) A local Evansville attorney advises "defense lawyers" Andy Alcom and Mary Kay Kissel to object. (Photos by Alan Burdette)





## Treating yourself

It scurried about Chicago on 78 legs, stalking any attraction of educational value. What was it? Mater Dei's Physics Club!

On Thursday, November 13 at midnight, 35 seniors chaperoned by physics teacher Mrs. Marie Hankins, English instructor Mr. John Stratman, and band director Mr. Kurt Wambach boarded a bus for the "Windy City." Although their main objective was to see the Museum of Science and Industry, they would do much more before returning home late Saturday.

After six hours of travel, the club reached Chicago, and the race began. From the Museum of Natural History, to the Plantatarium, to the Aquarium, they raced, squeezing two days of activities into one.

"It was so fascinating," said senior Laura Hutchison. "I only wish we could have had a little more time."

In the evening, the group found

some time to visit the Water Tower Plaza where some of the girls shopped while other students spent the allotted 20 minutes riding the glass elevator. But then there was senior Keith Rooney who preferred the escalator and upset a guard by running up the "down" escalator.

Hungry and tired from its busy day, the physics crew relaxed for supper Friday night at Geno's, a rustic place on East Rush Street, famous for its deep dish pizzas.

Stacy Spalding commented, "The pizza was so terrible that we took the cheese off and rolled it into a ball, but it was fun, and that made up for the food."

After eating, they had some time in their Ramada Inn rooms before sleeping, so the boys played cards in one of the rooms. Meanwhile, the girls held a panty raid in the boys' empty room.

"We only got four pairs," said an

anonymous raider. "That includes the prize pair . . . **blue blink!** . . .!"

Rested and ready, the clan invaded the Museum of Science and Industry Saturday. Although it was the only place visited Saturday, many students agreed that their tour was pretty hurried.

"Friday was rough because we hardly slept, but Saturday, we had had sleep, and we were ready to see more," stated Stacy.

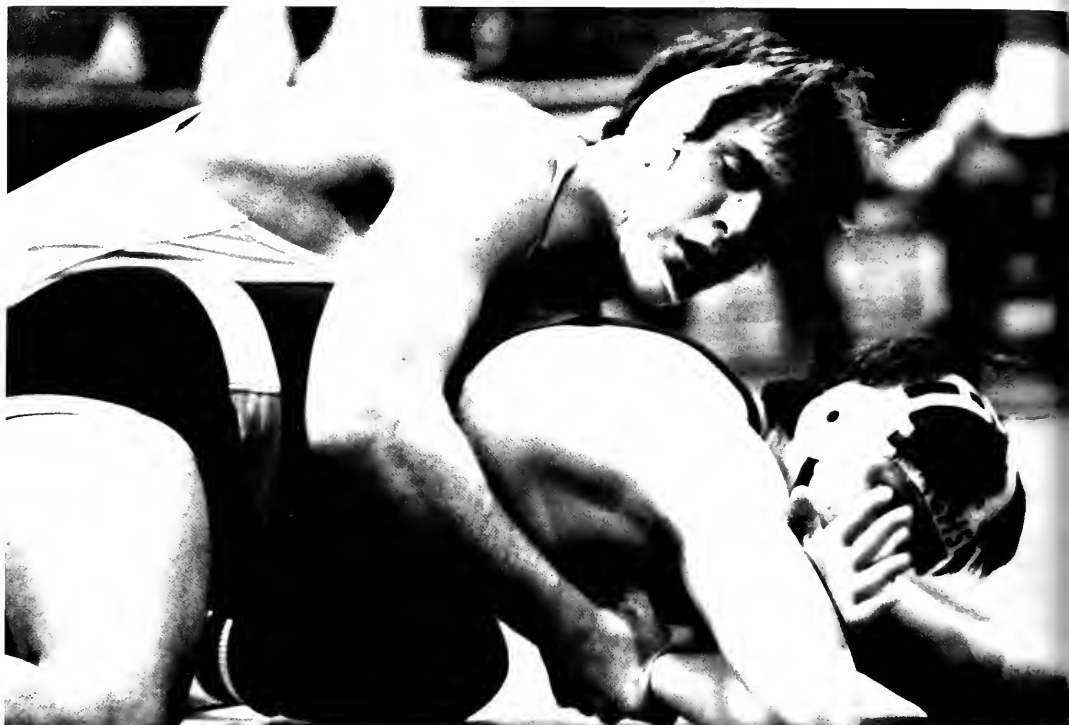
Saturday evening, the exhausted group boarded the bus for home.

"The bus ride was one of the best parts, especially in Chicago. We saw a lot of different things, but the ride there and back was crazy," laughed Tim Dolletzi.

Mrs. Hankins said the money for the trip was raised in a kitchen sale.

She summed up the trip, "The kids were a super group, and the trip was good — a little rushed, but good."

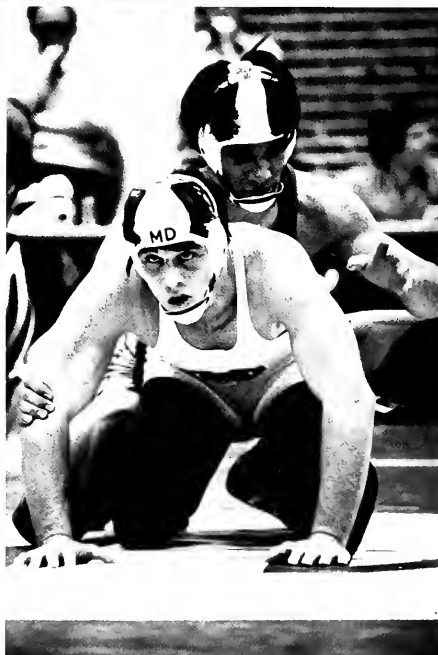
— Glenda Hollander



**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT:** Junior Matt Crowe was one of the lightest heavyweights around, sometimes being outweighed by opponents by 75 pounds. However, Crowe did not let this stop him as he advanced to State competition.

**HELP:** Junior Dave Wannemuehler has one of his opponent's shoulders to the mat and is going for a pin. Wannemuehler finished with an unblemished 13-0 mark for the reserves.

**MOST VALUABLE:** Senior Joe Bassemeyer was voted the Most Valuable Wrestler for MD. Bassemeyer also tied with Matt Crowe for the most pins with 20. (Photos by Alan Burdette)



# 'Dual'ing dynamite!

What can one say about a team that finishes its season with an unblemished 14-0 dual-meet record, wins City, wins SIAC, wins Sectional, and wins its fourth straight Regional Title? The MD varsity grapplers with coaches, Mike Goebel, Randy Helfrich, and John Schroeder achieved all of this. In addition to these accomplishments, the team also captured the Bloomington North and Trinity Tournaments, sent eight wrestlers to Semi-State and one wrestler to State.

Although the finish of the season was a disappointment to grappler Coach Goebel, he stated, "Before Semi-State it was the best season MD had. The season finish wasn't what we planned, but you can't overshadow great things. This is the most dual meets and tournaments we won in one season. We won all 14 dual meets."

According to Goebel, "There were two high points of the season — our dual meet with Reitz and our ending of Castle's undefeated streak at 29."

When the Wildcats met with their arch-rivals, the Reitz Panthers, the coaches from both teams were calling the event the "match of the year." The MD gym housed 2,000 anxious Westside wrestling fans. It was soon evident, however, that "the match of the year" would never develop as the Wildcats went on to crush the Panthers 35-18.

Goebel felt that the best match of the season, however, was when his grapplers defeated the highly regarded Castle Knights by a score of 54-3.

Castle Coach Marc Anderson commented after the meet, "Mater Dei probably has the best dual-meet team in the state. It may be the only team without a weakness anywhere in the line up. Everybody is solid."

According to Goebel, "It was up to the individuals to motivate themselves throughout the season. It helped them knowing that wrestling is a tradition here at MD."

Goebel continued, "They were easy to coach because they were fairly intelligent. They understood what you meant when you told them to do something. They worked hard and were willing to sacrifice."

Goebel liked the support of the fans and the attitude they had towards wrestling.

"I feel this is the best place in the state to coach wrestling," stated Goebel. He went on to say, referring to his two co-coaches, Schroeder and Helfrich, "We have one of the best coaching staffs here at MD."

Sectionals was a big night for Coaches Goebel, Helfrich, Schroeder, and their squads, as the Wildcats accomplished the incredible feat of getting all 13 wrestlers into the final

**"Mater Dei probably has the best dual-meet team in the state. It may be the only team without a weakness anywhere in the line up."**

**— Castle Coach Marc Anderson**



ANXIOUS?: Respected head coach Mike Goebel and assistant Randy Helfrich direct a close match during the Castle dual meet. Goebel didn't spend much time on the edge of his seat that night as the Wildcats rolled to a 53-3 victory. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

rounds and then advancing them all into the Regionals.

Once again, the Wildcats rose to the occasion to secure another wrestling Regional and sent on to Semi-State Tom Knowles, John Dewig, Clay Allison, Joe Bassemier, Vince Boots, and Matt Crowe.

Stated Goebel, "At certain times in the season the team was awesome."

At the Semi-State Tournament in Bloomington, the team suffered its first loss of the season. The Wildcats finished in eleventh place, and only heavyweight Matt Crowe advanced to the finals where he was decisively 5-0 by eventual State Champion Jesse Newkirk of Decatur Central. Seniors Tom Knowles and Joe Bassemier finished fourth in the tournament.

Finishing second in Semi-State, Crowe was the only MD grappler to compete in State competition but was beaten 9-3 in the first round.

According to Goebel, "This year's team was great. It ranks up with the best from MD."

The MD Reserve wrestlers also continued their reign over the city, finishing with a 12-0 record, a City Title, and the Evansville Invitational Title. According to sophomore reserve wrestler Greg Clausheide, "This year was a pretty exciting year. A lot of wrestlers were successful. We really showed our ability and determination."

Coach Randy Helfrich's squad outscored its opponents 683-88 in dual meet competition. Junior Dave Wanne-muehler and sophomore Greg Clausheide both finished with 12-0 records.

The freshmen also finished their season capturing the City and Evansville Invitational Titles. Coaches Tony Bergwitz and Mark Hermann led their team to a 6-2 record, going undefeated in city matches. Both of the team's losses were suffered to Princeton.

"This year's team was good all around, because everybody wrestled really well," stated freshman Bob Martin.

Rob Maurer led the team with an 11-0 record while both Bob Dezember and Martin finished with records of 10-0.

"It takes a lot to be an MD wrestler," Clausheide said. "Your opponent knows you have worked hard to be where you are at. He knows you have to be something. You see the outcome of the crowds. You know what is expected of you and you have to come through."

Both Clausheide and Martin agreed, "The hardest thing about being an MD wrestler was living up to the tradition."

— Tammy Hollander  
— Brian Johns

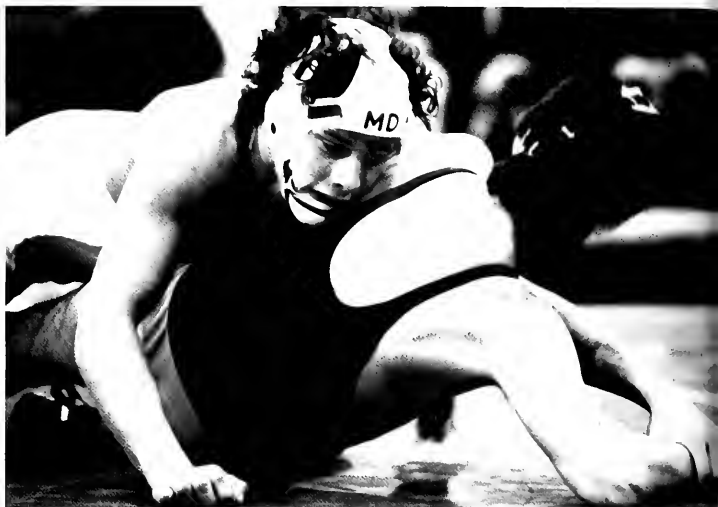
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**TAKEDOWN TIME:** Junior Matt Bequette gets two points for a takedown in his 119 pound match in the Castle meet. Bequette finished with 38 takedowns on the season. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**CELEBRATE:** Senior Brian Helfrich had a lot to cheer about at the Mater Dei-Reitz dual meet. MD demolished Reitz 35-18 before 2000 westside wrestling fans. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



**INDIAN WRESTLER:** Junior Vince Boots awaits the referee's signal to start his match with Jeff Sellers from Castle. Boots decisioned Sellers 4-3 in a close match. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





## Tipping the scales

Click-clash-click . . . no — sorry, according to the scale, you're still three pounds overweight. You have until tomorrow afternoon to lose it . . . if you want to wrestle.

When losing weight is the issue, a picture of starvation instantly enters many minds. This is only part of what a wrestler goes through to "make weight."

"I practice with all these sweats on, eat one meal a day (breakfast), and swim at the Executive Inn," said senior varsity wrestler Tom Knowles.

Sophomore grappler Andy Voelker stated, "Exercise is the main thing. You **can** eat vegetables and meat but you can't drink. That makes it hard to sleep at night."

Most of the wrestlers agree that you "sweat off" most of your weight. This is why they insist upon wearing enough clothes to ski in while they run their daily 25 laps around the gym. At out-of-town matches, some wrestlers have been known to dress so snugly only to sit in a motel room with the thermostat pushed up to the limit.

This type of quick weight loss does, however, cause the wrestlers to become weak.

Voelker commented about the need for vitamins in his diet.

Senior John Dewig added, "After weigh-in you get to eat a lot. Then, you just get fired up!"

Most agree the hardest part about trying to lose weight is watching everyone else eat and drink at lunchtime; they know **they'll** have to run their laps on an empty stomach. Of course, when a person like junior heavyweight, Matt Crowe, eats assorted goodies in front of them, the willpower is put to the test. (Heavyweights are not required to stay under a certain weight.)

Knowles commented, "You can just smell the food; it drives me nuts."

Voelker laughed, "If I was as big as Matt, I'd hit him."

At times the wrestlers **do** get depressed, trying to lose that last pound, giving it everything to be a Mater Dei wrestler. What makes it all worthwhile?

Voelker explained, "After you win and the referee raises your hand, and everyone claps, and then the coach tells you you did a good job, it makes you feel good."

Dewig smiled, "Winning! You feel like you did something."

Why do these men push themselves so hard to make weight?

Knowles summed up the feeling as he stated, "It's because this is Mater Dei and it's a tradition."

— Mary Schenk



VARSITY AND RESERVE WRESTLING: FRONT ROW: Dean Happe, Dan Elpers, Blake Titzer, Tom Knowles, Tom Zenhoefer, Matt Bequette, Alan May, Greg Clausheide, Matt Bartek, Keith Layman, SECOND ROW: Mark Weinzapfel, Tim Martin, Andy Voelker, Bernie Mayer, Paul Day-

ton, John Dewig, Mike Bergwitz, Jim Weinzapfel, Mark Toelle, Coach Tony Bergwitz, THIRD ROW: Nathan Moutoux, Randy Plump, Kevin Wilde-man, Andy Hoefling, Clay Allison, Joe Bassemeler, Ron Maurer, Joe Gerber, Larry Luigs,

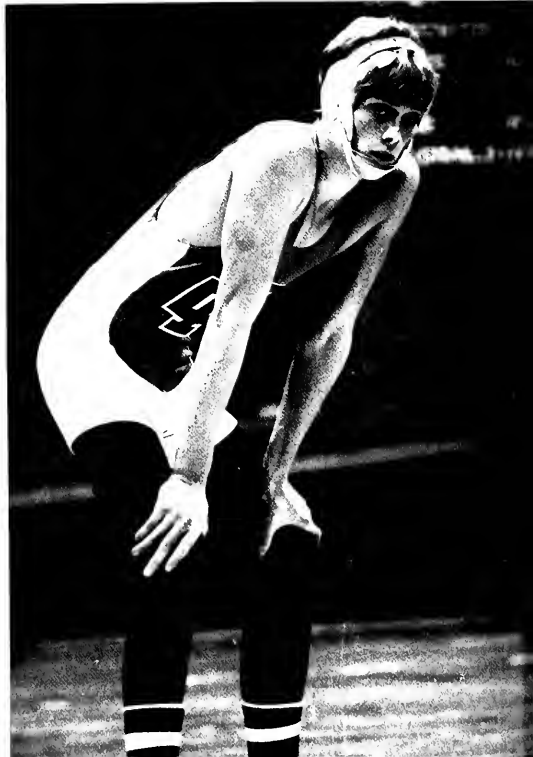
Ted Kares, BACK ROW: Coach Mike Goebel, Jeff Adler, Dave Wannamuehler, Vince Boots, Matt Crowe, Dan Knight, Jeff Happe, Steve Anslinger, Joe Steinkamp. (Photo courtesy Dr. Johnson, West Side Nut Club)



**BREAK A LEG:** Junior Jim Weinzapfel started out on bottom but quickly turned the tables on his Reitz opponent. Weinzapfel ended up pinning the Panther for six team points. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**KNIGHT FALLS:** Sophomore Blake Titzer cradles his opponent from Castle. Titzer went on to win and so did Mater Dei, 53-3. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**TIME OUT:** Junior Tim Martin takes a breather in his match against Reitz. Martin finished with an undefeated 9-0 record for the reserves. (Photo by Alan Burdette)




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**'Dual'ing dynamite!/cont.**

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OUCH: Sophomore Kevin Wildeman puts his Reitz opponent to the mat in a reserve match with the West Side arch rivals. The reserves thrashed Reitz 50-5 in a lopsided dual meet. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

FRESHMAN WRESTLING: FRONT ROW: Mark Seng, Brad Oliver, Brian Singer, Bob Dezemember, Bob Martin, Mike Schaefer, Clem Effinger, Jerry Bowen. SECOND ROW: Stan Memmer, Pat Titzer, Mark Schaefer, Dennis Wannemuehler, Eric Kohut, Mike Lagenour, Jeff Hermann. BACK ROW: Coach Tony Berquitz, Rob Maurer, Greg Weinzapfel, Darin Knight, Jim Little, Henry Kares, Coach Mark Herrmann. (Photo courtesy Dr. Johnson, West Side Nut Club)



GREEN POWER: Freshman Darin Knight prepares to begin his 167-pound match with his Castle opponent. Knight aided his team with a victory and the MD frosh defeated Castle, 37-24. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

## WRESTLING STATS-N-FACTS

### VARSITY

Mater Dei	60	Memorial	9
Mater Dei	44	Bloomington North	20
Mater Dei	65	New Albany	0
Mater Dei	61	West Hardin, KY	6
Mater Dei	45	Union County	12
Mater Dei	60	North	8
Mater Dei	35	Reitz	18
Mater Dei	45	Terre Haute South	14
Mater Dei	57	Mt. Vernon	5
Mater Dei	62	Memorial	0
Mater Dei	69	Bosse	5
Mater Dei	47	Harrison	16
Mater Dei	45	Central	12
Mater Dei	53	Castle	3

### RESERVE

Mater Dei	57	Memorial	3
Mater Dei	69	Bloomington North	16
Mater Dei	70	New Albany	0
Mater Dei	72	West Hardin	6
Mater Dei	54	Union County	9

Mater Dei	62	North	6
Mater Dei	60	Princeton	3
Mater Dei	50	Reitz	5
Mater Dei	67	Bosse	6
Mater Dei	38	Princeton	11
Mater Dei	51	Harrison	6
Mater Dei	33	Central	27

### FRESHMAN

Mater Dei	63	Memorial	0
Princeton	35	Mater Dei	22
Mater Dei	48	Reitz	20
Mater Dei	51	Bosse	12
Princeton	38	Mater Dei	25
Mater Dei	51	Central	8
Mater Dei	41	Harrison	15
Mater Dei	37	Castle	24

### INDIVIDUAL HONORS

MOST VALUABLE WRESTLER	Joe Bassemier
MOST TAKEDOWNS	
3 (record of 49)	John Dewig
KIWANIS AWARD	John Dewig
MOST IMPROVED WRESTLER	Clay Allison
MOST IMPROVED WRESTLER	Blake Titzer

## Makin' history . . .

**"The girls no longer go into a game thinking they're going to be beaten . . ."**

**— Coach Steve Goans**

### **Knocking off the big guys**

New principal Mr. Joseph Delehunt had more than just volleyball and football victories to boast about over the loud speaker this year.

Although the girls basketball team members didn't have a winning record, they did prove they were a legitimate team capable of knocking off the big guys. The Lady Wildcats gained respect as they won their first City game ever over Central 47-46 and ended the season with a 6-9 slate after losing out to Bosse in the Sectionals.

"I thought we played a good game. It was a disappointing way for me as well as the girls to end the season, but we were as good as a team as Bosse," commented Coach Steve Goans after the Sectional game.

Goans felt his team showed more than its record.

"We really didn't play the first half of the season, but from Christmas on, we played pretty well."

"We really played as a team; there was more teamwork and cooperation out on the floor," commented junior Barbara Seib.

"The girls no longer go into a game thinking they're going to be beaten; we have a heads-up attitude," stated Goans.

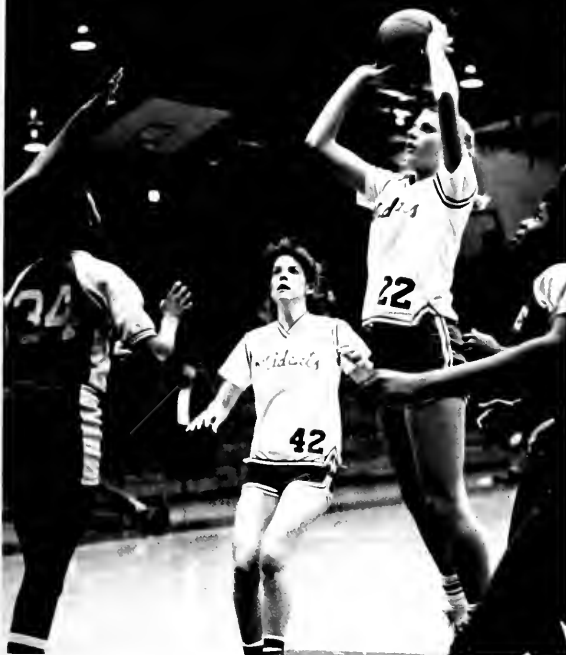
Adding to the Lady Wildcats rapid success was the fact they are shooting around at home, and juniors Brooke Heathcotte and Darlene Rooney attended Purdue sports camp over the summer. Also attributing help to the team is the grade school feeder league.

"The junior team members are the first who have come from the feeder system and have been the only ones having experience before high school," said Goans.

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**GO FOR IT:** Junior Brooke Heathcotte scrambles for a loose ball during the Bosse Sectional game. Despite Heathcotte's efforts, the Wildcats lost in the Sectional race 59-49. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





**SHOOTIN' FOR TWO:** Sophomore Tammy Bailey scores two of her 16 game points during the Bosse Sectional game as senior Clare Becker looks on. Bailey led all scorers for the team with a season average of 11.2. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**DEMOLITION DERBY:** Junior Darlene Rooney charges to the basket against two North Posey defenders, both were taken to the floor while fighting for the rebound. Rooney, a third year varsity starter, also plays volleyball and soccer. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



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## GIRLS BASKETBALL STATS-N-FACTS

### VARSITY

Reitz	68	Mater Dei	38
Mater Dei	47	Marion Heights	35
Vincennes Rivet	60	Mater Dei	57
Mater Dei	46	Mt. Vernon	43
North	59	Mater Dei	40
Mater Dei	49	Marion Heights	39
Bosse	47	Mater Dei	30
Mater Dei	37	Gibson Southern	29
Harrison	59	Mater Dei	53
Boonville	59	Mater Dei	43
Mater Dei	47	Central	46
North Posey	33	Mater Dei	31
Memorial	55	Mater Dei	39
Mater Dei	45	Castle	35
Bosse	59	Mater Dei	49



### RESERVE

Reitz	31	Mater Dei	16
Mater Dei	29	Marion Heights	17
Mater Dei	29	Vincennes Rivet	19
Mater Dei	36	Mt. Vernon	20
Mater Dei	24	North	18
Mater Dei	40	Marion Heights	14
Bosse	37	Mater Dei	20
Gibson Southern	32	Mater Dei	29
Harrison	37	Mater Dei	20
Mater Dei	15	Boonville	14
Central	27	Mater Dei	19
North Posey	23	Mater Dei	13
Mater Dei	28	Memorial	26

**TWO TIMES A KIWANIS:** Senior Clare Becker finds it hard to speak to the student body after receiving the Kiwanis Award for Girls Basketball. Becker was shocked because she had received the same award for volleyball earlier in the year. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)



CONCENTRATION: Freshman Helen Neis has a chance at the freethrow line to help the Wildcat team. Despite all efforts the Reserve Cats fell to Reitz 31-15 in their season opener. (Photo by Larry Schapker)

## Makin' history/cont.

Varsity Wildcats weren't the only one's appearing in the history books, the Reserve Cats showed their stuff too, finishing out their season with an impressive 7-6 record.

"It was a very good season — our best ever — and we really played as a team," commented sophomore Tammy Weinzaphel.

— Darlene Rooney



GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Darlene Rooney, Brooke Heathcotte, Julie Seib, Beth Crabtree, Barbara Seib, Kathy Goedde. BACK ROW: Coach Steve Goans, Mary Weidner, Tammy Bailey, Clare Becker, Mary Deig, Mary Ellert, Assistant Coach Gerald Seib. (Photo by Dr. Johnson, West Side Nut Club)

FIRED UP: As "cheerleaders" disguised as basketball players, juniors Beth Crabtree and Kathy Goedde psych-up the team before the game against North Posey. Crabtree and Goedde, both first year Varsity cats, were always ready to come off the bench and aid the Wildcats. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



HIGH STEPPIN': Junior Kathy Goedde goes up for two against a North Posey defender. Goedde, in her first year on the varsity squad, came off the bench to spark the Wildcats. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





**GIVING IT HER BEST SHOT:** Barbara Seib goes to the charity stripe during the North Posey game. The junior was a two year varsity letter winner. (Photos by Alan Burdette)

**GIRLS RESERVE BASKETBALL TEAM:** FRONT ROW: Jill Braun, Lori Schnur, Jane Schapker, Britt Heathcote, Kathy Wannemuehler. BACK ROW: Jenny Roe, Michelle Weidner, Mary Deig, Michelle Guetling, Tammy Weinzapfel, Kelly Seip.



**LOOKING TO THE HOOP:** Under pressure, sophomore Tammy Bailey goes back up with a rebound against two Bosse defenders. The Wildcats put up a good fight throughout the game, but at the conclusion Bosse pulled ahead to win the Sectional game. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



# Rolling with the punches

**Although this basketball season fell below .500, Wildcat players felt the one element that pulled them through the rough times was a great sense of humor.**

Some days just don't go right. Chris Sitzman, Mater Dei's starting forward and leading scorer, walked into the locker room before basketball practice one afternoon and found a little surprise. After opening his locker, Sitzman picked up his practice shorts and . . . out jumped a mouse. According to his teammates, he threw his gym bag against the wall and preceded to stomp on it. It was apparent Sitzman didn't like mice.

"We might not have won, but we had a good time," commented senior Don Goedde, who was considered by many players as the inspirational leader of the team.

Considering some of the team's strong points throughout the season, several players jokingly agreed that Rob Montgomery's clothes ranked first.

On a more serious note, many team members felt the fan support was not always what it should have been. Senior forward Jeff Martin summed up the cagers' feelings: "They just gave up on us."

The Wildcats finished the season at a 4-17 mark. For the second year in a row, MD went up against number one

ranked Bosse and bowed out of sectional play 82-59.

There was a slight disagreement between teammates about the highlight of the season. Some felt the overtime win at Boonville was the most exciting. Led by Sitzman's game-high 24 points, MD came from behind to force the extra period after Martin scored a lay-up with only seconds left. That 66-64 win snapped a nine-game losing streak. "It felt good to win a close one after all the ones we lost," related junior Rich Niemeier referring to the losses to Loogootee, Terre Haute, South, and Barr-Reeve which totaled six points.

Other players argued that the 66-58 victory over Central was the sweetest. The 'Cats shot an improved 82 percent from the freethrow line while holding Central's leading scorer Derek Lindauer to six points.

Coach Sheridan felt that the best part of the season was definitely the four wins and was quick to add that all his players in the face of adversity "hung in there." "It wasn't easy for them to go out there every night and know they would have a tough time," he said.

All varsity cagers shone in other areas already this year. Of the ten basketball players, six were members of Mater Dei's city champion football team, one received honorable mention on the all-city soccer team, and three are members of the National Honor Society.

— Laurie Layman

— Brad Brown

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**DOUBLE DOSE:** Varsity coach Don Sheridan and assistant coach Rick Keith emphasize a point against state-ranked North. Coach Sheridan is in his tenth year as varsity coach at MD. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**WHAT GOES UP:** Senior Jeff Martin scores against a North Posey defender in the Wildcats' 72-51 loss to the Vikings. Martin was voted "the varsity basketball player most junior and senior girls wanted to date." (Photo by Alan Burdette)

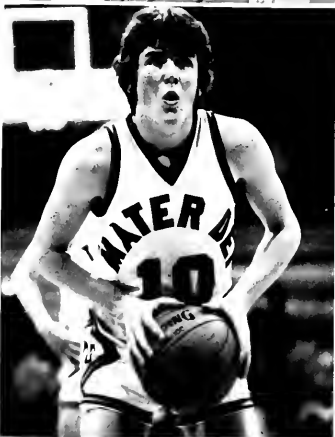
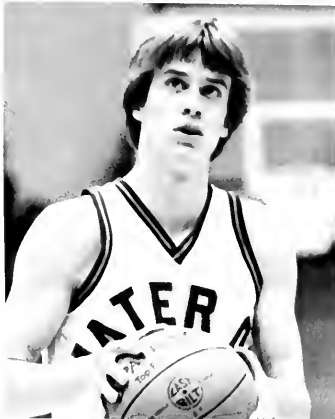






**LIFE'S ROUGH:** Senior Don Goedde takes a breather during the Wildcats' 65-57 loss to North in the Holiday Tournament. Goedde was selected by teammates as the 1982 Kiwanis award winner. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**CONCENTRATION:** Coach Sheridan preached freethrow technique constantly during practice. Junior Eric Knapp, senior Mike Hickam, and junior Brad Brown illustrate their forms during different games this season. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



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## VARSITY BASKETBALL STATS-N-FACTS

Logansport	44	Mater Dei	39
Mater Dei	61	Vincennes Rivet	46
Mater Dei	56	New Harmony	53
Mt. Vernon	63	Mater Dei	58
Terre Haute South	57	Mater Dei	53
North Posey	72	Mater Dei	51
Princeton	63	Mater Dei	58
North	65	Mater Dei	57
Barr-Reeve	48	Mater Dei	47
Reitz	53	Mater Dei	43
Memorial	51	Mater Dei	44
North	80	Mater Dei	60
Mater Dei	66	Boonville	64
Castle	80	Mater Dei	53
Gibson Southern	56	Mater Dei	50
Bosse	71	Mater Dei	58
Terre Haute North	67	Mater Dei	61
Mater Dei	66	Mater Dei	58
Forest Park	81	Mater Dei	64
Harrison	64	Mater Dei	58
<b>SECTIONALS</b>			
Bosse	82	Mater Dei	59



**ALL-AROUND GUY:** Senior Gary Weinzapfel had excelled in many areas. He played football and ran track in addition to being a four year member of the B-ball squad. (Photo by Kathy Konrad)

## Punches/cont.

UP AND AT 'EM: Senior Roger Brown goes up for two against a North Posey defender. MD needed all of Brown's six points and then some as the 'Cats fell to the Vikings 72-51. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Rich Niemeler, Eric Knapp, Mike Hickman, Pat Kempf, Brad Brown. BACK ROW: Dan Gossman, Gary Weinzapfel, Jeff Martin, Chris Sitzman, Dan Goedde, Roger Brown, Don Sheridan. (Photo Courtesy of West Side Nut Club)



FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Mark Neighbors, Scott Folz, Dan Koressel, Kinh Nguyen, Tony Happe, Ken Boorman. SECOND ROW: Richard Martin, Jerry Gish, John Kettinger, Steve Ricketts, Keith Barnes, Chris Goebel. THIRD ROW: Rich Bender, Chris Pugh, Scott Muller, Dave Wolf, Dennis Straub, Rick Goetz. BACK ROW: Assistant Coach Herb Neighbors, Head Coach Rick Keith. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

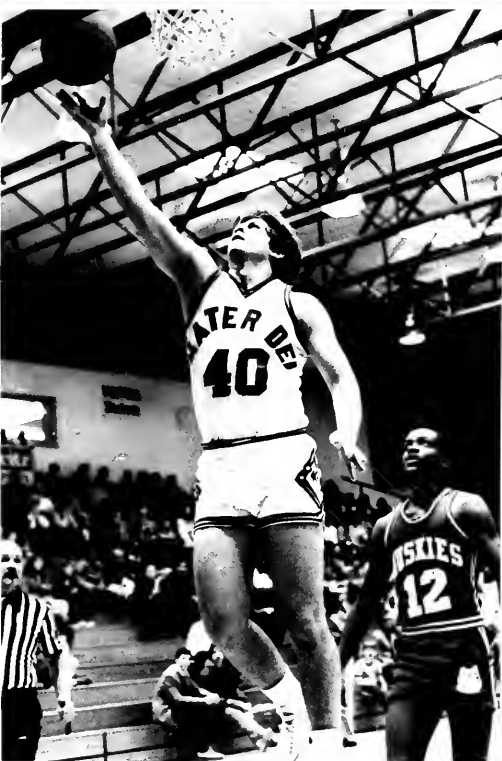


## FRESHMAN BASKETBALL STATS-N-FACTS

Central	41	Mater Dei	35
Bosse	47	Mater Dei	39
Mater Dei	34	Vincennes Lincoln	31
	17		30
Memorial	51	Mater Dei	44
North Posey	42	Mater Dei	35
	18	Mater Dei	45
Mater Dei	45	Reitz	35
Mater Dei	59	North	45
Mount Vernon	42	Mater Dei	35
	30		20
Central	43	Mater Dei	39
Mater Dei	55	Bosse	52
Mater Dei	39	Harrison	31
Memorial	34	Mater Dei	21
North	67	Mater Dei	50
Mater Dei	47	Reitz	42
Mater Dei	47	Harrison	42
North Posey	41	Mater Dei	34
	26		29
Mater Dei	51	Gibson Southern	40
	34		44
		SIAC Tournament	
Mater Dei	47	Reitz	35
North	67	Mater Dei	43

**FIRED UP AND READY:** Mater Dei senior forward Chris Sitzman prepares to jump against North's Brian Miles as junior Eric Knapp looks on. However, most of the game Sitzman concentrated on the bucket en route to 25 points in first-round action of the Memorial Holiday Tournament. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**RESERVE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM:** FRONT ROW: Mike Hess, Tom Brawnfield, Bryan Nicholson, Mark Lambie, Nick Braun, Rob Montgomery. BACK ROW: J.D. Fleck, Eric Becker, Pat Fischer, John Tenborge, Mike Phelps, Dennis Straub. Not pictured are Joe Helfrich, Chau Nguyen, Kinh Nguyen, and coaches John Reinltz and Dave Steinkamp. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



### RESERVE BASKETBALL STATS-N-FACTS

Loogootee	44	Mater Dei	35
Vincennes Rivet	43	Mater Dei	29
Mater Dei	48	New Harmony	34
Mater Dei	43	Mt. Vernon	35
Terre Haute South	59	Mater Dei	33
North Posey	54	Mater Dei	45
Mater Dei	47	Princeton	43
Mater Dei	56	Memorial	49
Reitz	45	Mater Dei	43
Mater Dei	42	Memorial	31
North	41	Mater Dei	34
Boonville	52	Mater Dei	43
Mater Dei	53	Castle	31
Gibson Southern	48	Mater Dei	40
Bosse	42	Mater Dei	39
Terre Haute North	58	Mater Dei	56
Central	48	Mater Dei	43
Mater Dei	56	Forest Park	43
Harrison	35	Mater Dei	25

**GONNA FLY NOW:** Senior guard Pat Kempf soars for two of his seven points against North in the Holiday Tournament. Kempf was also a standout for the Wildcats in football. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



**ROUND SHE GOES:** The pom pon girls perform at halftime during the homecoming game. Each class made up their own routine to the "Hooked on Classics" medley, and they were commended on their fine performance. (Photo by Bret Kamelink)

**50's FEMALES:** Mary Weidner, Sarah Rexing, Mary Ann Kelle, Patricia Weinzapfel, Donna Koresel, Cindi Brune, Becky Boorman, Lisa Richter, Linda Winterman, and Jenny Baehl, the Shorthand II class, display the latest in 50's fashions. Bobby socks, cardigan sweaters, and ponytails were the order for the day. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



**GIVE US OUR CUE:** Flower girl Andrea Boots and crown bearer Shane Schickel wait for the announcement of the 1982 Homecoming Queen. Shane cried, experiencing stage fright, but Andrea had prior experience, having taken part in the May Day ceremony last year. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



# Homecoming hopes



MOMENTS AFTERWARDS: Queen Mary Ellert and her escort Dan Gossman wait patiently for the many photographs to be taken after her crowning. Mary is a member of the volleyball, basketball and tennis teams, the National Honor Society, and is co-editor of the Mater Dei Hi-Lights Yearbook. (Photo by Scott Altman)

**"When I saw no name on the list, I thought maybe there had been a tie or something, so I had to ask Ms. Ledman the winner real quick!"**

— Andy Alcorn

corded music was supposed to be played as each couple took its place on the floor. However, when the time came, the music couldn't be heard. Ledman said, "I wasn't concerned with it. I just thought maybe Mrs. Welsh decided not to do it."

Tradition has it that two children, carrying the crown and flowers for the queen, escort the mayor of Mater Dei-ville so that he may crown the queen. Andrea Boots, niece of Vince Boots, and Shane Schickel, nephew of senior court member Donna Koressel were chosen for those parts this year. The only

problem was Shane decided at the last minute that he didn't want to carry the crown after all. He screamed, cried, and hung onto his dad's leg causing an uproar in the back room where all of the court was waiting.

After all of the confusion, the girls took their place in front of the crowded gym and Mary Ellert became homecoming queen. Later, Mary said her greatest surprise was seeing her family at the game.

"I was really glad to see them there," she said. "It made the night even more special."

Professional photographer Bruce Wheeler couldn't even get onto the floor to take her picture. Too many people swarmed in front of him and flocked in front of Mary. While taking group shots, basketballs kept hitting him on the head because the players were doing lay-ups.

Another hassle was the game itself. The guys put up a determined fight against Catholic rival Memorial. Unfortunately, they fell to a 51-44 defeat.

The traditional homecoming dance after the game was an opportunity for all to have a great time with their date and friends.

Although Homecoming '82 involved several "humorous hassles," it provided a clean, fun break from the monotonous winter months.

— Angie Elliott

**Murphy's Law says, "If anything can go wrong, it will." And on basketball homecoming night, it did. The tape recorder broke, the crown bearer cried, and the team lost. Despite these calamities, the festivities still managed to go on in the traditional Wildcat spirit.**

While the basketball guys were in the locker room trying to soothe their pre-game nerves, another group of people were standing around hoping their butterflies, (which seemed like bats) would settle down, too. This group, the homecoming court, consisted of three senior representatives and two from each remaining class. The crowning of the queen took place, between the reserve and varsity games, bestowing upon one special senior the privilege of being Miss School Spirit.

Senior Andy Alcorn, who was to announce each of the girls as they walked onto the floor, received a shock when the list given to him containing information about each representative failed to name the prospective queen. "When I saw no name on the list, I thought maybe there had been a tie or something so I had to ask Ms. Ledman the winner real quick!"

Ms. Lisa Ledman, who had counted the ballots and was the only person to know the winner said, "I knew who the winner was, so I didn't think much of it."

Along with the incomplete list, re-

AND THE WINNER IS: After being chosen "specifically" by Miss Daria Edwards, senior Keith Rooney draws the winner of a stuffed Garfield doll at the homecoming assembly. The raffle, sponsored by the tennis team, was to help raise money for new uniforms. (Photo by Rob Zigentus)

HAPPY DAYS: Freshmen Mindy Ficker and Julie Wilson diligently work on their German assignments on 50's Day during Spirit Week. Some students, however, find it difficult to study on days when the dress code is altered. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



BASKETBALL HOMECOMING COURT: FRONT ROW: SENIORS: Escort Sam Fulton and Donna Koresel, escort Dan Gossman and Mary Ellert, Krista Grossman and escort Brian Weinzapfel, and

Mayor Brock Nicholson. SECOND ROW: JUNIORS: Escort Alan Burdette and Jeanne Rivard, Barb Delg and escort John Townsend. SOPHOMORES: Lori Schnur and escort Jeff Adler, Kristie Steckler

and escort Mark Toelle. BACK ROW: FRESHMEN: Escort Tracy Hankins and Jeanene Happe, Karen Riordan and escort Rob Maurer. (Photo by Bruce Wheeler)

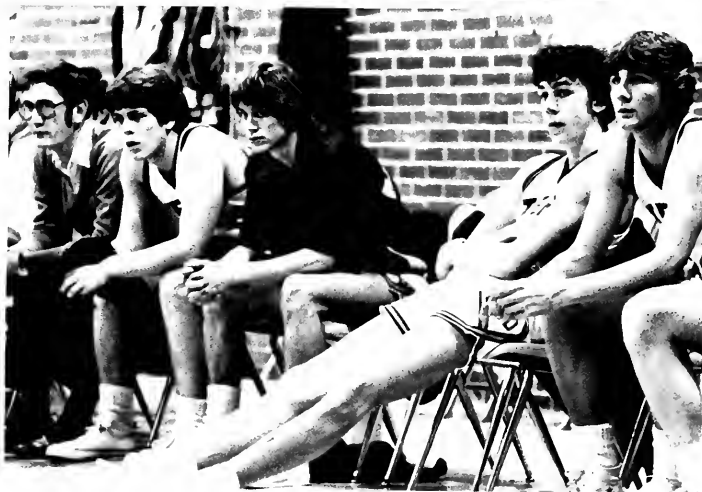
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**SIDELINE BOOSTERS:** Junior Julie Rexing and sophomore Mandy McBride lend their staunch support to the basketball team at the homecoming game. The team wasn't victorious, but had the satisfaction of knowing that a crowded gym backed it all the way. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

**WHO IS THAT BEHIND THOSE FOSTER GRANTS?:** Senior Jackie Kissel models her version of 50's attire. Fifties Day was one of several occasions provided to sidestep the usual routine during Homecoming Spirit Week. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



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**SAY IT ISN'T TRUE:** Freshman basketball coach Mr. Rick Keith, senior Pat Kempf, junior Eric Knapp, senior Roger Brown, and senior Jeff Martin watch as the Wildcats fall to the Memorial Tigers. Despite a last minute rally, the Cagers were unable to capture a homecoming victory. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

**Celebrate!**

Get new principal;  
go ahead two  
spaces

Forgot it was First  
Friday; go back  
one space

MD football, vol-  
leyball, and wres-  
tling teams win city  
crowns; go ahead  
four spaces

Can't solve Rubik's  
cube; move back  
two spaces

Fog delays school  
one hour; move  
back one space

Won clean campus  
award; go ahead  
three spaces

# GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

**Go to Detention**

Skip class to watch  
Luke and Laura's  
wedding; go  
straight to detention

Unsportsmanlike  
conduct at vol-  
leyball tournament;  
land in doghouse

Learn difference  
between love and  
infatuation from Dr.  
Ray Short; go  
ahead three  
spaces



Cafeteria flooded;  
row back two  
spaces

Bitten by preppy  
alligator; lose turn

Spring Break; sleep  
until noon

**Detention Room**

**Hi-Lights '82 returns to provide you with the second magazine section, a continuation from last year's yearbook. The following pages show the games people play outside ... and inside the MD walls ...**

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Find a summer job;  
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turn

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move ahead four  
spaces

Back from lunch  
late; go to deten-  
tion

**Reach \$25,000 candy sale  
goal; get half day off**

Attention all non-preps! Be on the lookout for preppies who can usually be identified by their oxford shirts and flat shoes.

Many MD students openly disliked the new preppy styles. Seniors John Seibert and Tim Dolletzki jokingly commented, "It looks like unusual circus clothing and whoever wears it is the clown."

"I dislike the shirts with no collars. Do they wear them because they are cheaper or something?" added science teacher Mr. Carl Voegel.

Although many disapproved, the trend was catching quickly, as seen by looking down the halls on first Fridays.

Laurie Layman, junior, explained, "The very first Friday (this year) I walked down the hall and you should have seen the looks on their faces. They thought I was from outer space. Now everybody loves it. My cute little shoes which were once the only ones are now all over the place."

Marilyn Spahn, junior, commented, "I think preppy clothes are comfortable. You can mix and match them so well."

What exactly was the preppy fashion and how did it come about? The **Official Preppy Handbook** offered the explanation: "Preppies dress alike because their wardrobes are formed according to the same fundamental principles that they absorb from their parents and peers. These principles include neatness, attention, practicality, the sporty look, and quality."

One confessed preppy, English teacher Ms. Karen Fitzpatrick, defined, "It is not only a fashion trend, it is also an attitude. It goes back to England. The upper social economic people wore prep. It became associated with the rich and snobby attitudes. The problem comes in when people associate the style now with the rich and snobbish attitudes."

Robb Bumb, senior, was first introduced into the preppy way of life by his brother. "I fashioned myself like my brother when he was away at college."

On the other hand, Laura Layman, became a prep initially be-

cause she liked the clothes.

The question of girls wearing prep was certainly controversial in itself, however, the male prep issue overrode it.

"I like males in prep clothes. A lot of guys don't like prep because they don't like to change. They wear button down collars and that is all the prep they wear," stated Marilyn Spahn.

Robb Bumb added, "A lot of guys look down on it because they think it is not macho. The girls were the ones who were supposed to dress up. They think they look feminine."

Although some like male prep, others do not. Marlene Schentrup said that she would rather see them in anything but prep.

Even some female prep dressers dislike male prep as did Missy Hinton, "They (guys) look so stupid. Girls look cute. Guys look sort of funny, especially with boat shoes, no socks, and straight legs."

Ms. Fitzpatrick's husband had even gone "preppy" however, every now and then the cowboy in him appeared. "My husband dresses preppy and western. Just the other day we got rid of all his shirts that don't button at the collar — except for his western shirts."

"Some preps go overboard like people who own only things from Nieman Marcus, speak preppy and eat preppy. Some people's whole lives are surrounded by alligators," stated Robb Bumb.

Laurie Layman felt that some carried prep too far as she witnessed at a college football game. "I saw guys who wore the wackiest looking pants. They were plaid and plaid on plaid."

"Knickers, sparkly socks, and those disgusting shoes are too much," commented Mary Beshears.

"The way you dress reflects on your self-image," concluded Ms. Fitzpatrick. "This looks good on me and I'm going with it."

Tim Dolletzki and John Seibert were asked how long they thought the preppy fad will last. "For men's sake, not long," they replied.

— Felicia Smith  
— Sherry Schneider



Laura Layman, Missy Hinton

'UNIFORMLY SPEAKING' During 1981-82, juniors Greg Bergwitz and Jill Rexing found themselves surrounded by the preppy craze. Although students still wore uniforms to comply with the dress code, preppy clothing dominated the first Friday scene. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)



Joe Mischler, Laura Hutchison



John Townsend



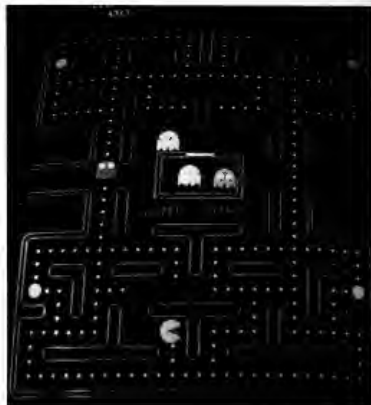
Ms. Karen Fitzpatrick

# BIG 'PAC' ATTACK



**'PAC MAN' MAN:** Geoff Coates is just one of the many Mater Dei students that spent their time and quarters playing the new game called Pac Man. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)

**MUNCHIN' MANIA:** The screen of the 'pac man' game is covered with little dots and tiny munchkins with eyeballs. The pac man, shown on the bottom, runs along the screen eating the dots on the way towards eating the other men. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)



He stands there, palms dripping with sweat, waiting for the onslaught of enemy ships. He sees them coming and tries to escape, but it's too late! His ship is destroyed; what is he to do? Probably put another quarter in the slot and play again!

This is a scene that could be found in just about any of the thousands of arcades in this country, including the several which sprung up around Mater Dei. Recent advances in technology have brought about a sudden boom in the electronic games industry. An industry formerly consisting of only pinball machines was being dominated by video games.

Bob Pfingston, owner of the new Wild West Arcade on Sonntag Avenue, felt the games were popular because "of the challenge and it's just plain fun."

"I think the electronic game craze will be strong for a long while; it's just getting started," said Pfingston.

By far, the most popular video game had to be "Pac-Man." In just one year, it brought in over 800 million quarters in arcades and

bars across the country. The Atari munchkin popped up everywhere from T-shirts and instruction manuals to even a hit song.

The goal of "Pac-Man" was to make your way through an intricate maze and eat up 240 colored dots, while avoiding four ghosts along the way.

Jerry Buckner and Gary Garcia got caught up in the big 'Pac' attack and composed the song "Pac-Man Fever," which sold over one million copies and hit number 14 on the national charts. MD students identified with the lyrics, "I got Pac-Man fever, it's drivin' me crazy, I'm goin' out of my mind!"

Because of its growing popularity, the Atari company, which controls about 80% of the five billion a year video market, came out with a "Pac-Man" cassette to be used with the Atari home video game sets. A single cassette, which cost anywhere between \$20-\$30 went with the \$150 base unit.

Many teenagers, who spent large amounts of money playing "Pac-Man" bought the home cassette, hoping to eventually save some big bucks.

Lisa Hall, senior, remarked, "I

think "Pac-Man" is so popular because it is exciting and people need some excitement in their lives. It's a fun way to pass time."

Lisa admitted that she spends between four and five dollars a night playing different video games. "I always want to do better than I did in the game before!" she said.

In some towns, there were laws forbidding people under 18 to go into arcades during school hours. This legislation was due to concerned parents who felt the arcades were a corruptive influence upon teenagers because they spent all their time and money playing the video games.

Pfingston disagreed, commenting, "I would rather see my children challenging a video game than walking the streets with nothing to do."

Senior Cathy Roe added, "I like them (video games). They give you something to do when your weekends are as boring as mine are!"

— Brian Johns

— Mary Ellert

A couple of years ago, "pet rocks" were the big thing. One reason was they were easy to care for. How hard could it be to take care of a rock? Sophomore Melissa Long had this idea in mind, but instead of "pet rocks", she cluttered her room with those small furry animals more commonly known as mice. Not **live** mice, but stuffed animal mice, mice statues, and mice posters.

"I used to have live mice, but they died. You don't have to worry about that with stuffed ones."

Her collection, displayed on shelves and bureau tops in her room, has grown to a number not even Melissa herself knew since she began it around four years ago. Whenever she went to majorite contests she raided curio and gift shops in hopes of finding new additions for her extraordinary collection.

The uniqueness of collections, however, was equaled only by the wide variety of ways these collections started.

"For my first birthday my mom bought me a huge Raggedy Ann doll, and ever since then, my collection has grown," explained junior Julie Rexing. Shelves in her room contain 20 dolls from all over the world, many brought back from trips taken by relatives. Julie's most expensive doll was a china one costing \$80, but her favorite was one from Guatamala, which her sister gave her.

While some collections were relatively small, some were so large it would be like looking for a needle in a haystack ... at least that's how sophomore Jerry Naas must have felt when he had to find one certain stamp out of his collection of 20,000. He kept his collection, including a 112-year-old stamp,

neatly organized in a drawer in his room.

"My dad used to collect," he admitted, "and that's what got me started."

Although he did have a fairly good start, Jerry, who had been collecting stamps for four years, bought most of his stamps himself.

Money seemed to be a necessity for most collections, but a few cost little or nothing for the collector.

"I just picked them up at different places as souvenirs and got so many I decided to start a collection," commented freshman Geoff Coates. His collection of around 500 matchbooks contained ones from restaurants and hotels all over the world — Japan, Mexico, Germany, and Ireland, to name a few.

— Kris Coates

## Saving my 'stuff'

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CRITTER SITTERS: Junior Toni Weinzaphel has collected stuffed animals, especially the "hugging" type, since she was in the eighth grade. She now has 25 of the furry fellows. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)

THE STAMP OF APPROVAL: Sophomore Jerry Naas finds stamp collecting to be an enjoyable pastime. He is shown here with some of his favorites including one which is 112 years old. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)

It isn't everyday that you get a chance to get back at a teacher who gave you a bad grade, but the seniors who participated in the senior/faculty game were given that chance.

The game started out quickly, with the faculty outscoring the seniors in the first period 28-19. Biology teacher Mr. Carl Vogel had several lay-ups on faculty fast breaks to keep the "old guys" on top.

The second quarter went pretty much the same, but at one point, the faculty opened a big lead. Senior Coach Brock Nicholson

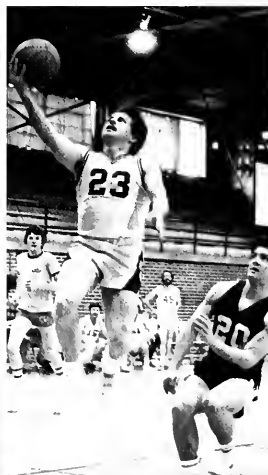
countered with a unique (and illegal) six-man offense, in order to make a comeback. Mr. Todd Rudnick sparked the faculty team with a behind-the-back pass to a teammate for two points and a 48-40 halftime lead.

The third quarter was when the seniors made their comeback, leading by three points for several minutes. When the period ended, however, the faculty was ahead again 68-65.

The fourth quarter was by far the closest, with the lead changin hands many times. The game went right down to the wire; and with 12

seconds left, the score was 92-91 in favor of the faculty, with Dean Mr. Herb Neighbors at the line shooting a pressure two free throws. Apparently the partisan student crowd rattled Neighbors as he missed both shots, giving the ball to the seniors with 12 seconds left. The seniors brought the ball down, but failed to get a shot off when a senior pass was picked off, and the faculty went on to win by a single point, 92-91.

— Brian Johns



**AWESOME AUDIENCE:** Faculty coaches, Mr. Frank Will and Miss Darla Edwards, along with player Mr. John Stratman, are on the edge of their seats and overcome with awe during the close and suspenseful game that was played between the senior boys and the faculty. The game is a Mater Dei tradition and the seniors were defeated 92-91. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**FAITHFUL FANS:** Seniors Jerry Grannan and Sara Rexing and approximately 150 other students joined together in the Wildcat Arena to cheer on their favored senior team. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**VICTORIOUS VOEGEL:** Mr. Carl Voegel, makes a dashing drive for a successful two of his fourteen points during the Student/Faculty game. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

You could spot the symptoms easy enough: glassy eyes; sweaty palms; and cold chills. The victims may also have been subject to stuttering and shaking knees. Whatever the case would be, all of these side effects could have been caused by your date's simple question, "Hey, would you like to come over to meet my parents tonight?"

During the high school years, one of the most trying experiences teenagers went through was meeting their dates' parents for the very first time. While some MD students felt that meeting their dates' parents wasn't a big deal, others dreaded the idea, hoping to live up parental expectations.

Matt Bequette, junior, com-

mented, "It feels just like meeting any other parent."

However, senior, Jeff Martin felt differently. "It felt awkward the first time, but after that it was a lot easier," he remarked.

Boys were not the only ones who experienced the pre-meeting jitters. Barb Seib, junior, said, "It was an experience, but I liked it. It was hard not knowing if they would like me."

One of the biggest problems encountered in dating was not knowing when to arrive. On the first date, a guy may have been afraid to pick up his girl friend because if he was early, he would have to spend the time talking to her parents, which he had never met.

But senior Joe Kuhn found a way

around the problem, saying, "I arrive right on time, to the second ... guaranteed!"

Junior Sharon Wildeman disagreed, "I would like them to come later so I could finish getting ready."

Her classmate, Sherry Schneider, had a totally different view, "I would want them to come earlier to make sure they are coming!"

Meeting a date's parents a traditional ritual that will always inspire fear in the hearts of teenagers, but it's really not that difficult. The worse they could do is not open the door!

— John Townsend

— Mary Ellert

# Chills and thrills ... of meeting parents

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ON MEETING MA AND PA: Whether you were a "preppy," a "hippie," or a "jock," meeting your date's parents was a time of nervous expectation. (Artwork by John Townsend)

## Kinda cosmic



Columbia, Apollo, billion-dollar Star Wars, Space Invaders, Atari; everywhere one looked, people's eyes were shifted upward. In the modern age of space obsession, it was no wonder astrology appeared to have found accommodating harbors in the minds of many.

As a result of a request made by students, Barbara Litschgi, a local astrologer was a guest speaker in Mrs. Jeanne William's psychology class this November.

Her explanation of the growing interest in astrology went like this: "Every 2000 years, there is a new age. Right now, we're in the age of Pisces, but it's the next age, Aquarius, that is starting to effect us."

Apparently, the age of Aquarius

is the age of psychics and astrology, which is already in action on society.

To acknowledge a difference between "real" astrology and phony horoscopes, Mrs. Litschgi stated "just to read the daily paper . . . it's a joke."

Viewpoints of the legitimacy of astrology definitely varied from Jeanne Dixon, an ironically accurate psychic, to Michel Gauquelin, a researcher in the field of astronomy who called psychics and astrology "an astrological blasphemy and idiocy."

Some took it so seriously that they lived their lives by it; others just as fanatically smirked at the thought that outside, supernatural forces influenced their lives or personalities.

"It's just a bunch of superstition," stated freshman Brad Oliver.

"I think it's really interesting. There's a lot to be learned by the stars," contradicted senior Ron Schneider.

Somewhere in the middle was junior Diane Jourdan's comment: "I read it, but I don't know if I believe it or not;" and Mary Deig's "What's astrology?"

Is astrology illusion or reality? No one could really tell, but one thing was for sure; as long as the four-hundred-year-old hope of the strange, mystical influence of the stars on people's lives was still debated, there remained hope for the horoscope.

— Tanya Crothers



The scene was the Mater Dei track. About 25 tense fans awaited the start of the famed "Miracle Mile," a race between Assistant Principal Mr. Todd Rudnick and Mr. Bob Culver, main custodian here at Mater Dei. The race was hailed as the sporting event of the century, putting the two rivals head to head in a one-on-one confrontation. Culver was confident of victory. "I'm gonna win. I've cut down to ten beers and five cigars a day."

He also added, "I'm spotting him (Rudnick) 15 years and 125 pounds."

Rudnick refused to talk about the race, commenting, "I'm too nervous; talk to my agent, Mr. Neighbors."

Then came post time. It started evenly and at the end of a quarter mile, it was neck and neck. But then Culver, cigar perched in his mouth, started to fall back. At a half mile, Rudnick had opened his

lead to a quarter lap and began taunting Culver by running backwards.

From then on, Rudnick just poured it on, finishing in seven minutes forty five seconds, edging out Culver, who finished in nine minutes fifty two seconds.

Maybe Mr. Culver should have made it nine beers and four cigars a day.

— Brian Johns



**FRIENDLY FINISH:** The old saying goes, "It doesn't matter who wins, it's how you run the race." Showing this by his good sportsmanship, Mr. Bob Culver, head of Maintenance congratulates his victor shortly after the race. (Photo by Scott Altman)

**WATCHING IN WONDER:** Mr. Kurt Warmbach, band director, and seniors Sheri Ricketts, Jeff Martin, and John Kohi watched the end of the race. Apparently they were all fans of Rudnick because of the smiles of victory on their faces. (Photo by Scott Altman)

**RUNNIN' RUDNICK:** Mr. Todd Rudnick, assistant principal, is confident of victory as he runs the last stretch of the Miracle Mile. He finished with a time of seven minutes, 45 seconds. (Photo by Scott Altman)



# The Geritol Mile

# Many MD students actually enjoyed being sick because it gave them a chance to catch up on their favorite soaps!

November 13, 1981. Seventh period. Sophomore Jenny Townsend hurried towards the science room. An important event was taking place; history was being made.

"As soon as I finished my German test, Mrs. Merrick let us go down there," explained Jenny, "and I got to see about 45 minutes of Luke and Laura's wedding."

Luke? Laura? What wedding? Luke Spencer and Laura Baldwin, two characters on television's number one soap opera "General Hospital," were the main force behind a new American craze — soap opera mania.

In addition to "General Hospital," Soaps such as "One Life to Live," "All My Children," and the

latest, "Texas," fill time slots from 10:00 until 3:30 every day. Of the 14 million daily watchers — a figure projected by Newsweek magazine — high school kids had joined in large numbers to watch their afternoon heroes.

Mrs. Lynn Merrick, German teacher, was a big fan of the serials. She said she had been "hooked since high school," but maintained "I don't make it a point to watch them. If I'm there, I watch." However, Mrs. Merrick admitted to having another teacher substitute for her while she watched the marriage with her students.

Not so amazingly, after the content of the soaps centered on more suggestive material, large audiences were filled with the high school age groups. Senior Julie Gries explained, "It's interesting to see the different people get married, divorced, and pregnant."

Mr. Herb Neighbors, dean of students, reported that at least five to

ten students skipped regular classes to view "the wedding." Some students found it easier than others. "We had our pictures taken for our basketball I.D.'s and we slipped into the science office to watch it," related junior Joyce Martin. Apparently, some misunderstood the date of the wedding and skipped a day too early.

According to one college profes-

**"It's interesting to see the different people get married, divorced, and pregnant."**

— Julie Gries

sor quoted in Newsweek, a major reason for high-schoolers' attraction to soap operas was a breakdown in communications with parents. Not many teenagers seemed to agree. "No!" exclaimed junior Julie Rexing. "They're just fun to watch. You get to watch everybody fight and make fun of each other."

— Laura Layman





**GENERAL HOS-PI-TAL:** "General Hospital," which airs on channel 7 from 2-3pm on weekdays, also has a magazine to keep viewers up to date. Freshmen Kelley Seib and Kathy Wannemuehler got their update from the magazine in the library during lunch period. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**SOAP DOPE:** Senior Amy Klenck watch "The Young and The Restless" during Ms. Karen Fitzpatrick's communications class. The class watched the soaps to learn the various reasons of why people watch soaps. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)

**GLUED TO THE TUBE:** Seniors Lisa Scheller, Sue Reddington, and Mary Wannemuehler and sophomore Todd Reddington keep close tabs on the action in the soap "General Hospital." They were able to do so because they had a study period during that time. (Photo by Beth Ledbetter)



**AND NOW I PRONOUNCE YOU . . .** At the height of the soap opera season, the most talked about event was the wedding of Luke (Tony Geary) and Laura (Genie Francis) on "General Hospital." It just so happened that MID's absentee list was at an unusual high that day. The week following the wedding provided a high amount of detentions for the soap fans. (Photo courtesy of the Evansville Courier)



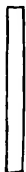
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# Dime-grabbers lure marathon gabbers

When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, little did he know of its effect on America's population between the ages of 12 and 20. Today, teenagers may spend anywhere from 2 to 12 hours on the phone with as many as 9 hours in a single sitting.

"I guess I spend about 12 to 13 hours on the phone a week," stated Kelley Seib, freshman.

Some teenagers thought too much time was spent on the phone by their peers.

"If teenagers didn't spend as much time on the phone, they could do more constructive things such as homework, housecleaning, or hobbies," said Kelley. "However, since I can't drive yet, that's about the only thing there is to do. There's nothing to do on weeknights. It's also a timeout from homework."

"I'd rather talk on the phone than watch television," explained Barbara Seib, junior. "There's not enough free time during school to really carry on a conversation."

Teenagers' reasons for spending time on the phone ranged from something to do on a weeknight to

finding out when their next assignment was due.

Although it may generally be thought that all teenagers enjoyed talking on the phone, some didn't consider shooting-the-breeze via electronic equipment their favorite pastime. "It's not something I hate doing," explained Alan Burdette, "but I don't love doing it either." He said he'd "rather talk person to person."

Since most teenagers didn't foot the bills on their home phones, their parents have been known to regulate the amount of time spent by their child on the phone. However, money wasn't always the reason for setting time limits. "I'm only allowed to stay on the phone for 15 minutes but I can usually get away with a half-hour or more," said Barbara. "One reason they set a limit is because on weeknights after I get home from practice for a sport, they think I should spend my time doing homework."

However, some parents left it almost completely to their teenager's discretion as to when to get off the phone.

"When I'm on the phone for a long time, I get bawled out," said

Kelley. "When somebody has to use the phone, I have to get off. With 'call waiting,' if somebody calls, I let them talk."

One unidentified phone-aholic confessed to being on the phone for nine straight hours.

"I didn't have anything to do," confessed the gifted gabber. "I was at home alone."

She admitted to one interruption that was definitely an emergency.

"The person had to leave once," she admitted, "to go the bathroom."

The nine-hour marathon was a one-time event.

"I'd never do it again," she declared. "After three hours (on the phone), now I'm dead."

Although the telephone was a controversial issue between parent and teenager, many teens still managed to monopolize it. Talking on the phone was a disease which was contagious once that first "ding-a-ling" sounds. However, it wasn't fatal, and only one harmful side effect had been diagnosed.

"When I woke up the next morning," said the phone-aholic, "I practically had cauliflower ear."

— Brooke Heathcotte



**YOUR DIME, START TALKING:** Mater Dei has only two payphones — one by the journalism room and one by the athletic office. Junior Glenda Hollander preferred the "dime grabber" outside the j-room. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)

**PHONE FANATIC:** Spending time on the phone during the evenings was not foreign to sophomore Missy Burdette, talking on the phone at home provided a relaxed atmosphere. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



**BROWSING BREAK:** Mrs. Jeanne Williams spends her time away from leaching to shop at Eastland Mall along with many others. (Photo by Bethe Ledbetter)

**IF THE SHOE FITS . . . :** Sophomore Chris Bruce eyes a pair of tennis shoes to prepare him for the warm months ahead. (Photo by Bethe Ledbetter)

**FOXES AT FOXMOOR:** Juniors Karen Spahn and Lori Wagner do their shopping at Foxmoor to keep up on the latest fashions. As long as their pocketbook agrees, they like to spend as much of their spare time as possible at Eastland. (Photo by Bethe Ledbetter)



## Blowing their dough

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It rested — a huge mass of concrete and glass. Giant metal beams shot in every direction. Some who passed by hardly noticed the silent disturbance. But those of us who were obsessed with the ever popular pastime, shopping, watched . . . and waited.

Finally, at summer's end, the main portion of construction was completed and shaped into the new Eastland Mall, the largest mall in the city of Evansville.

The mall contains approximately 75 stores. Eastland provides customers with a stylish, modern, atmosphere in which to blow their dough.

Opinions varied on its success, location, and quality.

Joe Gerber, sophomore, liked to browse at Gus Doemers and Ben Snvders. He pointed out that the

mall is just a nice place to "hang out."

"You see a lot of friends there and it's got a nice atmosphere," Joe explained.

Laura Hutchison, senior and frequent patron of Eastland, supported him.

"I like the wild fashions and crazy styles that you can get now," she said.

Sophomores Mindy McBride and Karen Morris felt that the Mall's location, on a fast developing area around Green River Road, was better than any other shopping area in the tri-state.

"I like the preppy styles and newness of the place," said Mindy.

"The modernness of it makes the atmosphere exciting," added Karen.

In opposition, Ms. Karen Fitzpatrick, a newcomer to Mater Dei-

ville, had a different opinion of the new mall.

"I wasn't impressed with it because the prices are not that great and there are no middle rate stores," she explained.

Eastland not only provided a new and unique scene of stores for the crazed shopper, but also entertained its patrons with a variety of special shows and attractions. Some that drew the crowds were the boat show and a make-up and style show sponsored by Merle Norman and various clothing stores.

So what did you do when there was nothing happening? The solution was simple. Headed out to Eastland. It was just your style!

— Bethe Ledbetter  
— Kim Hankins

It was mind twisting and brain boggling; it was fun as well as challenging. What was it? It was the tiny, multi-colored, cube that led to the popular cube mania!

Named after its inventor Erno Rubik, the "rubik's cube" was also sometimes called the Hungarian Horror, since, according to Time magazine, it could cause a form of insomnia, in otherwise balanced persons.

When the three-by-three cube came out of the box, all nine squares on each face were aligned to make a solid color—one face red, one yellow, and so on. The aim of the game was to scramble the colors and then to manipulate them back the way they were.

According to Time magazine, it

would take the most advanced computer 1.4 million years to figure

**"It's a lot of fun. I can really get into the cube."**

**— Ann Groves**

out all the possible combinations.

Junior Kristi Ralleggh, a confessed cube addict said, "I became interested in it just by watching others trying to solve it; now I find myself trying to do it while I'm driving to school in the morning. I suppose you could say I'm addicted."

Freshman Ann Groves admitted that she finds the cube is fascinating. "It's a lot of fun. I can really get into the cube," she commented.

Although many students found the tiny cube unsolvable, junior Kris Coates managed to master it. Kris,

who could solve the cube in two and a half minutes, became interested in it when her brother received one as a Christmas present. Kris said, "We began challenging each other to see who was the quickest."

While some were destined to find the mysterious answer to the Rubik's Cube, others are content to twist and turn for the fun of it.

Senior Jenny Olivey summed it up: "Solving the cube would take all the fun out of trying to solve it."

**— Sharon Wildeman**



**MAD CUBIST:** Freshman Rick Geotz finds himself in a mental bind while trying to solve the cube. Aside from being a cube fan, Rick also enjoys playing the drums. Rick is a member of an amateur rock band. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**CUBE CONCENTRATION:** Junior Kris Coates tests her twist ability against the cube. Kris Coates was able to master the cube in two minutes. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





**GRIN AND BEAR IT:** Junior Gretchen Hillenbrand learns the meaning of the words "grin and bear it" while warming up with the track team. Gretchen has been on the track team for three years. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**DON'T BLAME DESENE:** Sophomore Pete Emmerl would agree that while track practice can be a load there is always time for a little relaxation and fun. Aside from keeping fit, Pete is also a music buff. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**LEDMAN LIFTS LOAD:** Club sponsor Ms. Lisa Ledman gives an extra pull as she demonstrates the fundamentals of using the weight machine to the members of the girls' weightlifting club. Ledman, in her first year at MD, introduced the club which is only open to senior girls. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



## Throwing their weight around

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When it came to bending, pulling, and stretching it out, many Mater Dei students had it all together. At 2:45 the final bell rang, and the campus parking lot and tennis courts filled with students dressed in sweats, shorts, favorite T-shirts, and tennis shoes. The trend was fitness and getting into shape through running, weightlifting, and aerobic dancing.

"It's important to keep the body physically fit and healthy," said junior Darlene Rooney.

The weight room was a popular place for girls as well as guys, especially since sociology teacher Ms. Lisa Ledman began the first girls' weightlifting club at Mater Dei.

"I decided to start the club because I found that the idea was new and interesting to many of the girls here at Mater Dei." Ledman, who began lifting at Ball State University, felt that weightlifting benefited a person both physically and mentally.

The club, comprised of 20 senior girls, was very successful according to Ledman. Club member Patricia Weinzapfel said, "It's a lot of fun, as well as good for the body."

While some students pumped iron, others headed for the tracks. Freshman Kathy Wannemuehler said, "I like to run because it gives me a chance to forget about things and also keep in shape."

The physical fitness trend was

beneficial as well as fun. According to senior Sherri Ricketts aerobic dancing was just this. "You work out so hard, but it makes your body feel so good," she explained. Juniors Karen Spahn, Donna Wannemuehler, and Diana Weinzapfel said they enjoyed getting together with friends for a vigorous workout of aerobics.

Religion teacher Mrs. Leslie Stratman summed her feelings on physical fitness by saying, "I really get into trimnastics and jogging because it is a mental release as well as a physical release."

— Sharon Wildeman





Lori Whealan

shirt and jeans, I bounded toward center stage for my part in the air guitar contest. But wait!! The music that was playing was not mine. The contest directors had played the wrong side of my tape. I went back to explain that the song that was playing was not the one I was to perform to. After several min-

The stage was set before a crowd of 700 roaring people. My heart jumped into my throat as the music started playing. Decked out in a black

utes — which seemed like hours — I set off once again for center stage. After tuning up my air guitar, I played to "Rock and Roll" by Led Zepplin. Although I did not win, I had a really good time just being in the competition.

The "Greater Evansville Air Guitar Contest" was held at the Rock Pit, a new center featuring live bands for area teens. The contest started February 20 and ran for five weeks with the winner of the contest receiving a \$1,300 stereo.

Junior Angie Beckham attended the finals for the air guitar contest. "I really enjoyed it. It was a lot of fun and the whole idea of the contest was a good one," she commented.

Playing an air guitar involved getting up and acting like you were playing a real guitar. In fact, many people have probably played an air guitar without even knowing it.

The air guitar craze became popular through the cartoon "Funky." The cartoon, which appeared daily in the Evansville Courier, ran a series featuring teenagers "Funky Winkerbear" and his friend "Crazy" in an air guitar contest.

Four MD seniors brought the idea of air guitars home and started their own air band. Dion Seiler, Jeff Martin, Scott Schenk, and John Kohl "jammed down" on their air instruments whenever they were together. "I can't really remember how we started the air band. We would be driving around and hear a song and just start playing to it," Dion remembered.

Although Dion's band will probably not become millionaires, they probably won't worry about it. After all, why would anyone want to "fret" over an air guitar?

— Tina Boarman



JAMMIN' DOWN: Senior Tina Boarman entered the air guitar contest at the Rock Pit in early March. She entered it because "it looked like a lot of fun." (Photos by Geoff Coates)

DON'T FRET ABOUT IT: Playing an air guitar is not unfamiliar to senior Dion Seiler. Dion plays lead air guitar in an air band with four other MD seniors. (Photos by Rob Zigenfus)





**WARMING UP THE CROWD:** Senior Scott Altman, also the Editorial Editor, took on another job at the Journalism Banquet. Scott was chairperson and is pictured here welcoming the crowd. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

**INCOGNITO:** Seniors Lori Whelan and Angie "Groucho" Hertel read the comic section with sophomore Rob Zigenfus on the bus to the Journalism workshop at Indiana University. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



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**OSMOSIS:** Something can be said for the process of diffusion, but someone should tell junior Mary Schenk that it doesn't work with yearbook stories. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**KEEPING HIS COOL:** Larry Schapker, the only senior member of the photography staff, shows his winning smile at the Journalism Banquet, while Mrs. Stratman pokes some harmless fun at him. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)

**SURPRISE!** Senior Kevin Dick gives junior Brooke Heathcote a live surprise birthday cake on her birthday. Both departments of journalism took time out to celebrate staff birthdays. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





ONE IN EVERY CROWD: Journalism Adviser Mrs. Leslie Stratman, along with newspaper students, sophomore Kim Preske, and juniors Jeanne Rivard, Stacey Stevenson, Tanya Crothers, and Greta Emmert, watch senior Kevin Dick pop out of Brooke Heathcotte's birthday cake. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

GALLOPING GOURMET: The morning of May Day found senior Cris Fulkerson busy in the kitchen. The Journalism Department held the breakfast in an effort to make money. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)

LED THE "ED": Assistant Editor Bethe Leadbetter tries to find the right picture just hours before the yearbook deadline. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

"FRIEND" IN CHIEF: Senior Editor-in-Chief Mary Ellert assists Lisa Scheller with the prom pages. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



## Taking it to the limit

In the candlelit dining room of Adviser Leslie Stratman, the five member editorial staff stood silently around the table as newspaper Editor-in-Chief Kevin Dick made the toast.

"To The Rainbow Connection," and the glasses clinked in agreement. This meeting was to kick off a year of hard work, devotion, and creativity for the newspaper and yearbook staffs.

It was also a year of obstacles, such as limited working space, personal conflicts and the biggest of all, money. Constantly scrambling for funds, the Journalism staffs held two Western Dances, sponsored a May Day breakfast, sold patron ads, yearbooks, doughnuts, cookies, pictures, and even balloons.

"People get tired of you bugging them for money all the time," said Staffer Mary Schenk. "It's depressing because I ended up buying everything myself."

Fundraisers were the part that most saw, but few "outsiders" got a glimpse of what went on during deadline situa-

tions. Anyone who dared to venture into the J-room during a crucial deadline took his life in his own hands. Besides having to wade through mounds of paper, it was easy to get run over by a staff member looking for a lost story, or a lost cropper, or a lost photo, or a lost pica stick, etc., etc..

Undemeath the mounds of paper, however, was a dedicated staff.

**Okay staff, gonna have a good book, gonna have a good book, yeah!**

"Lots of people came and stayed after for deadlines. They worked hard," said newspaper Staffer Mike Locklar.

"Our goal was to do as good a book as last year and have fun at the same time. I think we succeeded at both," commented yearbook Editor Mary Ellert. Accomplishing this goal, however, took a great deal of time after

school. On one occasion several staffers spent the entire night on a deadline until school began the next day. "It's crazy," added Mary. "One minute we're all on each other's nerves and the next we're slap-happy and having a good time. After it's all over with, though, everybody just feels drained. It's easy to get burned out on it. You want to do too much in such a short time."

By the time a deadline was over, eyes were bloodshot and nerves were frazzled. And if that wasn't bad enough, they had to come up from the depths and face the real world — life outside the J-room doors.

They mixed the tears, the laughter, the insanity, the long hours of hard work and added their own special touch of color, pushing their creativity to the limit until finally — "We did it!" — The Rainbow Connection.

— Alan Burdette

POSED TO PERFECTION: Lisa Dezember poses for the judge during her beam routine at the Harrison meet. This was Dezember's first year competing at the varsity level. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

TOTAL COMMITMENT: Julie Gries concentrates on her beam routine during the gymnastics assembly in March. Gries' hard work earned her the Kiwanis award. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



## GYMNASTICS STATS-N-FACTS

### INTER OPTION

Mater Dei 23.65 51.50

Mater Dei 11.50 52.85

Mater Dei 28.75 59.56

Mater Dei 23.65 48.35

Mater Dei 29.85 69.90

Meet scores not available

Team Placings

### INTER OPTION

North 56.20 18.80

Bosse 64.40 20.20

Harrison 91.80 88.80

Bosse 82.90 37.75

Bosse 42.90 33.90

Harrison 89.90 87.85

Reitz 91.55 78.65

Harrison 93.10 93.25

Central 84.25 63.05

Reitz 90.55 92.90

Jan. 27

March 1

City — 4th place

SIAC — 4th place

Sectionals — 4th place





GYMNASTICS TEAM: FRONT ROW: Assistant Coach Molly Alcorn, Kelle Beshears, Karen Riordan, Mary Beshears, Coach Debi Harrington. BACK ROW: Lisa Dezember, Julie Gries, Jenny Embry, Barb Minielli. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

READY-SET-GO: Barb Minielli prepares and performs on the bars during S.I.A.C. while coach Harrington looks on. Minielli was also a competitor on the beam and was the only all-around gymnast. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

PEP TALK: Spectator Jenny Olivey came down to give the two optional gymnasts — Jenny Embry and Lisa Dezember a little talk before the S.I.A.C. meet. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



## 'No guts, no glory'

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They practiced three to four times a week, two hours at a time. They took outside lessons twice a week for nine months out of the year. On nights before performing they had curfews. They performed in front of their peer group. They had the best season ever for a Mater Dei gymnastics squad. They proved coach Debi Harrington's saying, "No guts, no glory," to be true. "Last year we had some disciplinary problems but I feel that the gymnasts realize that it takes discipline and the outside lessons," stated coach Debi Harrington, who was assisted by Molly Alcorn. Their dedication paid off when they defeated Reitz, a goal they set at the beginning of the year. It was at this time the gymnasts killed two birds with one stone. Along with beating Reitz, the three sophomores — Jenny Embry, Lisa Dezember, and Barb Minielli — managed to keep all of their individual scores between six and seven points.

Although the team was small and young — six members being underclassmen — head coach Harrington was happy with the girls' routines and their level of performance. She did feel, however, that they needed to "polish the edges."

"With them being so young, they should be able to add a little finesse," she stated.

The gymnasts competed in City on February 27 and placed fourth, the best ever for MD gymnasts. S.I.A.C. was

held on March 6 and the gymnasts fourth. "On an individual basis a few of the gymnasts performed a little sluggish. Some of them were out a little too late the night before, but the total team score made a good showing for us," commented Harrington.

Sectionals were again another good showing and put the Wildcats in fourth place.

Senior Julie Gries was the only letterman and was out last year with a broken foot. She competed on floor, beam and vault. Sophomore Barb Minielli was the only all-around gymnast and classmate Jenny Embry was out at the beginning of the season with a sprained ankle, but did see some varsity action on floor, beam, and vault.

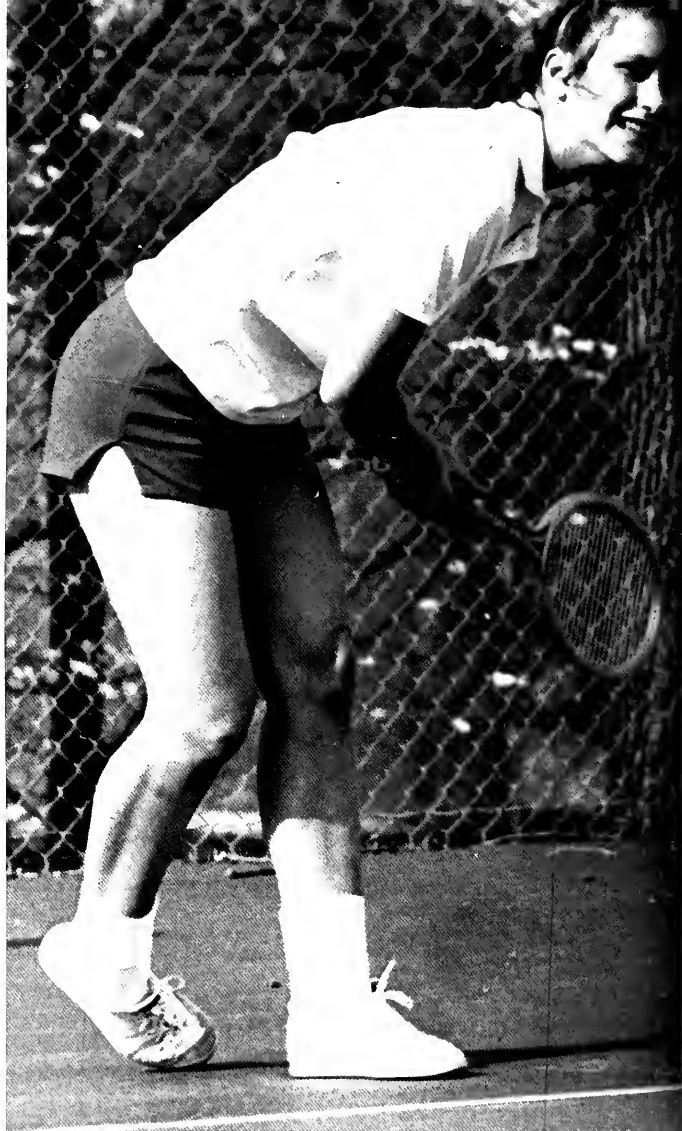
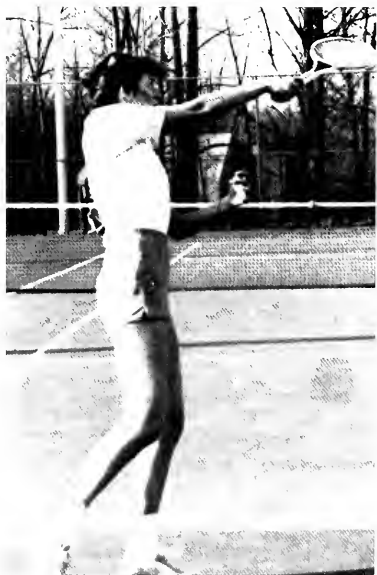
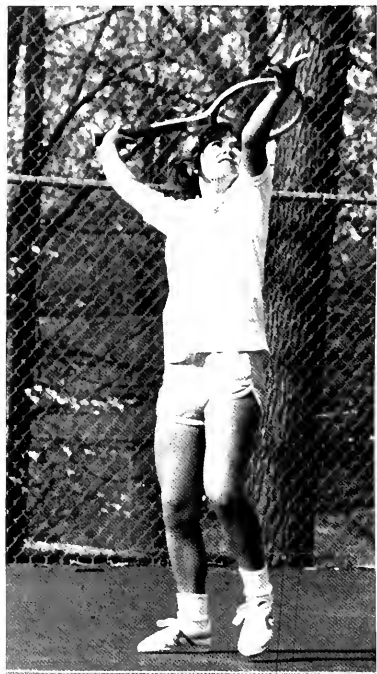
"I liked the vault the best because it's what I started out on," she explained.

Sophomore Lisa Dezember competed on the beam and the bars. Intermediate team members consisted of freshmen: Kelle Beshears; Mary Beshears; and Karen Riordan. The Beshears twins both competed on floor and beam. Riordan competed on floor.

Coach Harrington summed up the season by saying, "It was the best season ever for the Mater Dei gymnasts."

— Joyce Martin

UP IN THE AIR: Junior and third singles player Stacey Taylor works on improving her serve during practice. The girls spent many long and grueling hours practicing each day, including morning sessions during spring break. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



TRUE GRIT: From her expression during the meet against Mt. Vernon, it would be hard to believe Karen Spahn finds tennis "a great way to relax and unwind." (Photo by Alan Burdette)

TAKE THAT: Senior Clare Becker returns the ball to her opponent during her second singles match against Mt. Vernon. Clare was awarded the All-Sports Trophy for the valuable contribution to athletics during her four years at M.D. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

# Relationships reign over rackets

Coach Darla Edwards had to admit the tennis season was somewhat of a disappointment.

"Although the girls worked hard and were tough competitors," commented Coach Edwards, "they lacked the experience of such teams as Memorial and Harrison who play all year long."

For this reason, Edwards tried to motivate the girls to go out on the court and enjoy playing instead of getting too emotionally wrapped up in the game.

"It sounds easy to tell them just to enjoy themselves" remarked Edwards, "but it isn't when they want to win so badly."

Although the girls' determination was strong, the season ended in a 0-14 record, with the MD swingers on the short end of the racket.

First singles player senior Mary Ellert helped make up for some of the teams disappointment with her high spirits.

"Even when everyone, especially me, was depressed about losing, Mary would try to cheer us up. She had a lot of tough matches this year and she did a great job," commented junior Stacey Taylor.

Although records weren't always tops, the relationships between the girls made up for it in a sense.

According to the first doubles team of juniors Karen Spahn and Stacey Stevenson, it was important to get along well off the court in order to do well when playing in the game. Regarding their relationship, Stacey said, "Even though she seems to fall down a lot, Karen is the best partner a doubles player could have."

One member of the team who wanted to remain anonymous said "Miss Edwards made us work so hard, she was like a slavedriver." This lady netter added, "We all gained respect for her because she made us work so hard and cared about what was happening."

The girls showed their respect for Edwards on May 6 by surprising her with a birthday cake in the shape of a tennis racket. The day became even more surprising when later a balloon bouquet was delivered to the teacher's lounge for Edwards from the girls.

Another way in which the girls celebrated during the season was with regular trips to Dairy Queen after all the matches. Senior Mary Ellert commented, "After losing it always made us feel better to drown our sorrows in Peanut Buster Parfaits!!"

— Sharon Wildeman



## GIRLS TENNIS STATS-N-FACTS

Forest Park	7	Mater Dei	0
Gibson Southern	6	Mater Dei	0
Bosse	5	Mater Dei	0
Mt. Vernon	5	Mater Dei	2
Memorial	5	Mater Dei	0
Princeton	5	Mater Dei	0
Harrison	5	Mater Dei	0
Central	5	Mater Dei	0
Reitz	5	Mater Dei	0
Boonville	5	Mater Dei	2
North	4	Mater Dei	1
Gibson Southern	4	Mater Dei	1
Day School	3	Mater Dei	2
Vincennes Rivet	4	Mater Dei	1



WARMING UP: Junior Stacy Stevenson enjoys an early spring practice. (Photo by Rob Zigenfus)



MARY IS #1: Senior Mary Ellert prepares to serve the ball to her opponent during the meet against Mt. Vernon. Mary held the position of first singles on the team. She found the position somewhat tough, with such opponents as Harrison's Wendy Allen who is ranked nationally. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)

LADY NETTERS: FRONT ROW: Elaine Schulteis, Lori Preske, Trina Kinney, Lisa Mills, Missy Hinton, BACK ROW: Karen Spahn, Belthe Leadbetter, Clare Becker, Mary Ellert, Stacey Stevenson, and Stacey Taylor. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





**BACK ON THE HOME GREENS:** Joe Helfrich prepares to tee off on the first hole. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)

## Joe's the name; golf's the game

It isn't only the name that attracts sophomore Joe Helfrich to Helfrich Golf Course, but also the fact that his great uncle once owned the land on which the course now stands. "When he died, he donated the land to the city, and they turned it into a golf course named after him," said Helfrich.

Helfrich began golfing seriously about five years ago when his dad got him interested. His sophomore year, he practiced three hours a day year round.

Helfrich's practice paid off as he became Mater Dei's leading golfer. Helfrich was the only team member to advance to Regionals after a battle for third place with Dave McAtee of Reitz in sectionals.

## GOLF STATS-N-FACTS

Central	190	Mater Dei	218
Mt. Vernon	199	Mater Dei	221
Mater Dei	221	Princeton	244
Memorial	208	Mater Dei	213
Mater Dei	167	Castle	169
Mater Dei	167	Princeton	189
Mater Dei	162	North Posey	232
Reitz	181	Mater Dei	211
North	201	Mater Dei	208
Vincennes	219	Mater Dei	243
Mater Dei	387	Bosse	438
Henderson County	214	Mater Dei	216
Mater Dei	162	Gibson Southern	167
Harrison	201	Mater Dei	221
Mater Dei	172	Boonville	165
Memorial	172	Mater Dei	172
Mater Dei	210	Boonville	126
Mater Dei	420	Princeton	432
Mt. Vernon		Mater Dei	

### TOURNAMENTS

Oak Meadow	378	Mater Dei	7th
City	307	Mater Dei	9th
SIAC	330	Mater Dei	7th
Sectionals	321	Mater Dei	5th



**WORK AND PLAY:** If not on the greens of some of the "toughest courses in the U.S.," the golfers at Myrtle Beach enjoyed the sunshine of South Carolina. **FRONT ROW:** Coach Todd Rudnick, Barry Mead. **BACK ROW:** Bob Culver, Phil Will, Joe Helfrich, Rich Bender, Coach Kurt Wambach.

**GOLF TEAM:** **FRONT ROW:** Ed Knapp, Phil Will, Keith Leonard, Barry Mead, Rick Goetz. **BACK ROW:** Joe Helfrich, Bob Culver, Jon Wambach, Coach Todd Rudnick. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau).



**PUTTING FOR PRACTICE:** Mater Dei's leading golfer, Joe Helfrich, shows the style that got him out of sectionals while Bob Culver awaits his turn on the greens of Myrtle Beach. (Photo by Todd Rudnick)

**SCRUBBING FOR BUCKS:** The car wash was one of the main fundraisers for the golf team's trip to Myrtle Beach. Jim Lutterbach, Danny Haller, and Ed Knapp donate their time to help send the five golfers chosen. (Photo by Kathy Konrad)

**REAL SWINGER:** Junior Mike Kaiser gets into the swing of things during a practice at Helfrich Golf Course. (Photo by Todd Rudnick)





## Sunshine on their shoulders

Change the "wasted" to "rainy" in Ronnie Milsap's song "Wasted Days and Wasted Nights" to get the feel of Spring Break 1982 for those who stayed in Evansville. But it was more like John Denver's hit "Sunshine on My Shoulders" for the MD golfers who went to Myrtle Beach on April 3. Instead of rain and one night of snow, they stayed the nights in an ocean-front hotel.

"It was a very elite place," commented Coach Todd Rudnick.

Four-year-letterman Bob Culver added, "When the tide came in at night, it was beautiful." He continued to say the sunrise on the ocean was really neat.

The golfers didn't benefit only from the sunshine, though they got plenty of practice by starting bright and early.

"It's like a spring training in baseball; the weather was much nicer down there," said Coach Rudnick.

Culver stated, "We played on some of the toughest courses in the United States. When we got back, Helfrich (golf course) was like playing on a par three."

The team had previously traveled to Myrtle Beach a few

years before the 1982 trip, so Rudnick and Assistant Coach Kurt Wambach decided to try it again this year. Unfortunately, only five golfers were allowed to go. To determine who could go, a week-long tournament was held among the team members. Each was allowed one bad day in which the scores would be dropped, but the other scores were averaged together. The five competitors with the lowest results made the trip. According to Culver, this also determined who would compete in the first tournament, since only five members were allowed to enter in tournaments.

The trip was financed by means of a car wash, a rummage sale, and a tournament held for anyone wishing to compete. Prizes were given to the top finishers, and a dinner of ham and beans topped off the day. More than half of the money needed to take the trip was made from this tournament.

Back on the home greens, Rudnick felt the team had a pretty good season considering it was so young.

— Gretchen Hillenbrand

— Joyce Martin

**MOVE OVER PELE:** Junior Darlene Rooney maneuvers her way around a Castle defender. Rooney was selected for the Indiana State Soccer Team. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**VARSITY TEAM FRONT ROW:** Jill Braun, Brooke Heathcotte, Lori Schnur, Barb Minielli, Julie Seib, Jane Schapker, Kathy Wannemuehler, Brenda Brown, Britt Heathcotte. **BACK ROW:** Kim Hankins, Darlene Rooney, Karen Gossman, Deanna Hartlein, Jenny Roe, Lori Wagner, Debbie Bradley, Kathy Roe, Karen Rheinlander, Coach Marie Hankins. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



**BUTTIN' IN:** Sophomore Barb Minielli works her way through several Castle defenders. Minielli helped the Wildcats to a 2-0 decision over the Knights. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**RESERVE TEAM FRONT ROW:** Carole Tieken, Melissa Burdette, Kris Coates, Tanya Schapker, Christa Koressel, Jamie Hagan, Jeanene Happe. **BACK ROW:** Angela Conner, Kristi Weinzapfel, Audrey Fulton, Julie Kempf, Terry Hollander, Becky Sanford, Lori Laib, Kathy Rogge, Mary Beshears, Coach Marie Hankins. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

# On the winning end

Area high schools weren't the only ones to face the mighty Lady Wildcats. A total of 42 MD soccer players — guys and girls — divided into five teams and traveled across the state line to take part in the Cincinnati Indoor Soccer Tournament. Organized by Coach Marie Hankins, it was the first time any of the girls played indoor soccer.

The Soccats invaded Cincinnati on Valentine's Day weekend. According to Mike Kaiser, Hi-Lights newspaper reporter, "The competition was intense, almost too intense." "We pulled ourselves out of a game and forfeited," said Hankins. "Those kids were mean. They were pushing, shoving, elbowing, tripping, and the referee did absolutely nothing to stop it."

"After we walked off and forfeited, some man in the crowd came up to me and said it was the smartest thing he'd seen. He said he's seen to many people get hurt in games like ours," the coach concluded.

When the Soccats weren't in action, they roamed downtown Cincinnati where they stayed at Stouffers Hotel just five blocks from Riverfront Stadium. In their spare time, several went to a college basketball game; some went to movies and shopping and hit the arcades; others stayed at the hotel to crash parties.

Meanwhile a few lucky players ran into Dallas star Patrick Duffy and WKRP star Tim Reid.

"It was great, it was a good experience, and we had a real fun time," commented sophomore Lori Schnur.

Once back on home turf, the Lady Wildcats compiled a 5-0-2 slate to finish out the year third behind Memorial and Harrison. This was just the third year for a girls soccer team at MD and the second year in a row to be ranked third in the city standings.

"We finished the same, but had a better season. Last year we tied a couple of teams and this year we didn't," stated Hankins.

Team and togetherness were the best things holding the girls soccer team together. Besides a few sprained ankles, bruised shins, and minor concussions, a broken foot was ranked number one early in the season by freshman Jill Braun.

"It was hard to practice because not everyone was there at the same practice to work on passes and shots," commented junior Lori Wagner.

After the season four players played on the Indiana State Soccer Team. Senior Kim Hankins and junior Darlene Rooney were selected to play on the under-19 team. Sophomores Barb Minielli and Julie Seib played on the under-16 team.

"I'm really glad I was selected. At first I was scared because when I saw the girls from Indianapolis it looked like they were born with a soccer ball," stated senior Kim Hankins.

Coach Hankins concluded, "It (the season) was very nice, and I enjoyed it. It was nice to be on the winning end!"

— Darlene Rooney



**HAIR CARE:** Freshman Jane Schapker has her hair braided before the Memorial reserve game. Schapker, a first year player, played on both the varsity and reserve squad. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

## GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER STATS-N-FACTS

Mater Dei	7	Central	0
Mater Dei	1	North	0
Mater Dei	3	Reitz	2
Mater Dei	1	Harrison	3
Mater Dei	2	Bosse	0
Mater Dei	2	Castle	0
Mater Dei	0	Memorial	3
*Mater Dei	2	Portage	1
*Mater Dei	1	Harrison	2
+ Mater Dei	2	Castle	1
+ Mater Dei	3	North	2
+ Mater Dei	2	Memorial	3
+ Mater Dei	1	Harrison	2

\*Indicates State Tournament

+Indicates City Tournament

### GIRLS RESERVE SOCCER

Mater Dei	2	Reitz	0
Mater Dei	2	North	1
Mater Dei	1	Harrison	2
Mater Dei	2	Bosse	0
Mater Dei	1	Castle	0
Mater Dei	0	Memorial	2



**SLIP SLIDIN' AWAY:** Sophomore Lori Schnur skids past a Castle defender. Schnur, a forward, was a second year member of the varsity squad. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

# Nail-bitin' fightin'

The sweet aroma of freshly cut grass engulfs Bosse field. Dust from the infield drifts toward the stands. Billboards from faithful patrons line the back fence. Coach Carl Voegel, nervously chewing his Big League Chew Bubble Gum, awaits the first pitch. Will this be another nail-biter?

Nine out of 21 games played by the MD Batcats were won or lost by only one run. In fact, Carl Voegel felt the most difficult thing about this season was losing games that should have been won.

As far as nail-biters went, the MD-Harrison game topped the list. The seventh inning opened with MD leading 4-1, Harrison having two outs and no one on base. Sam Fulton had pitched nearly a perfect game, but Coach Voegel, concerned about the tired condition of Fulton's arm, replaced him with Rob Montgomery. With the odds against him, Montgomery walked a few batters and three runs were scored. Jeff Martin relieved Montgomery. A wild pitch allowed the final runs to be scored. The Harrison Warriors finally won 5-6 in the last inning.

During these tense times, Big League Chew Bubble Gum

proved to be the team's pacifier. During times of distress, the boys always found they could reach into their back pockets, pull out a pouch, and put just a pinch between their cheek and gum.

Even though the team encountered many close games, members worked well together. Voegel commented, "We work hard and get along well at practice. The seniors are good leaders."

Not only was the team led by responsible seniors, but also by the city's leading batters. John Townsend, junior, proved to be the city's best. He ended up the season with a .492 batting average while Ron Maurer, a senior with a .312 batting average, finished the year twentieth in the city.

Mike Hess, sophomore, acquired nine stolen bases; therefore, he was placed among the city's best base-stealers. John Kuhn, senior, finished fourth in the city for his pitching ability. Teammate Sam Fulton, another senior, finished the year eleventh. Overall, the team ended the season with a 5-7-0 city-wide record.

— Sherry Schneider

MD VARSITY BATCATS: FRONT ROW: Rob Montgomery, Tony Bender, Tim Martin, J.D. Fleck, Jeff Weinzapfel, John Dewig, Sam Fulton. BACK ROW: Coach Carl Voegel, Joe Kuhn, John Townsend, Ron Maurer, Jeff Martin, John Kohl, Rich Niemeier, Robb Bumb. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

MD RESERVE BATCATS: FRONT ROW: Dan Koresell, Jeff Gries, Tony Marx, David Jarboe, Steve Rickets, Mark Neighbors. BACK ROW: Kelley Seib, Jerry Gish, Roger Baehl, Bob Martin, Rob Maurer, Darin Knight, Dennis Straub, John Kettinger, Lisa Spahn. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





**BAGGY PANTS:** John Kohl, catcher, coaches first base during the MD vs. Reitz game. Kohl earned the nickname "Baggy Pants" after a lot of ribbing about his oversized baseball pants.

**OPEN YOUR EYES:** Joe Kuhn, senior, plays the second and ranked in the state, the Central Bears. MD defeated the Bears 9-4. Kuhn split his time between first base and pitching.

**TAKE THAT!** During the MD vs. Reitz baseball game, Rich Niemeier pitched against some athletes he has played baseball with for many years. Niemeier has played baseball for 12 years. (Photos by Alan Burdette)



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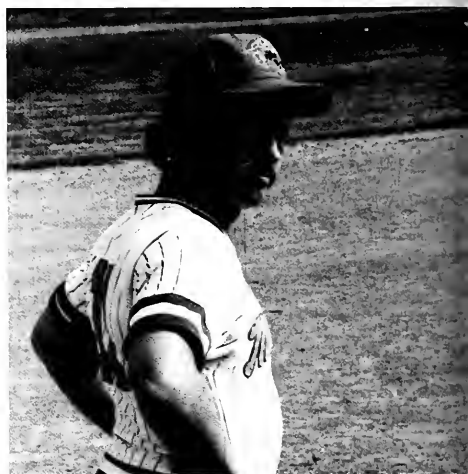




## Nail-bitin' fightin'/cont.

**READY OR NOT:** Sam Fulton pitches during the MD vs. Harrison game. Fulton had his ups and downs; however, he finished the season in the top 10 city-wide in the final standings for pitchers. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**WATCHFUL EYES:** MD Coach Carl Voegel watches one of his batters during the Bosse game. This is Voegel's second year as varsity coach. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



### VARSITY BASEBALL STATS-N-FACTS

Henderson County	16	Mater Dei	5
Central	8	Mater Dei	5
Princeton	6	Mater Dei	5
North Posey	7	Mater Dei	6
Mater Dei	5	North	4
Harrison	6	Mater Dei	5
Mt. Vernon	6	Mater Dei	3
Mater Dei	9	Bosse	4
Mater Dei	6	Memorial	3
Reitz	7	Mater Dei	6
Mater Dei	9	Central	4
Mater Dei	9	Bosse	2
North	8	Mater Dei	0
Vincennes Lincoln	4	Mater Dei	1
Harrison	10	Mater Dei	9
Memorial	7	Mater Dei	4
Mater Dei	9	Terre Haute South	8
Gibson Southern	12	Mater Dei	3
Mater Dei	3	Castle	2
Central	3	Mater Dei	2
Reitz	2	Mater Dei	0

#### SECTIONALS

North	15
Mater Dei	3



### RESERVE BASEBALL STATS-N-FACTS

Mater Dei	12	Bosse	3
Mater Dei	11	Henderson County	7
Central	9	Mater Dei	8
Mater Dei	7	Harrison	6
North	10	Mater Dei	4
Mater Dei	9	Castle	8
Mater Dei	10	Castle	6
Mater Dei	7	Reitz	7
Harrison	7	Mater Dei	5
Mater Dei	5	Memorial	3
Mater Dei	7	Bosse	6
Mater Dei	9	Reitz	2
Mater Dei	6	Harrison	2
Central	12	Mater Dei	2
Mater Dei	5	Memorial	4
North	2	Mater Dei	0

**CITY'S BEST:** John Townsend, junior, was the top hitter in the city. He had a .495 batting average and was chosen as a member on the first team all-city. Teammate John Dewig, senior, was chosen as a second team all-city member. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



**DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT ... ?** Not only did John Kohl talk about pitching strategy during the talks between the pitcher and catcher on the mound, but he also told jokes occasionally to help relax the pitcher. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**CONCENTRATING CAT:** Tony Bender, junior, seems to be in deep concentration or praying during the MD vs. Reitz game. Despite all efforts, MD lost this game 2-0. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



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**DOWN IN THE DUG-OUT:** Tim Martin, junior, lightens the spirits of the baseball team during times of despair. The season did not go as well as Coach Voegel had hoped. MD ended the season with a 5-7 record. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**SLUGGIN' SENIOR:** Ranked twentieth in the city, senior Ron Maurer slugs a base rap against the Bosse Bulldogs. MD won this game 9-2. (Photo by Geoff Coates)





## Beating Reitz ... a rose by any other name wouldn't be as sweet

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"UNDER THE WEATHER": Discus and shot-putters Julie Adler and Jenny Olivey seek shelter under a rain poncho during the sectional track meet. Olivey was the best field event trackster on the team. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

The day finally came when our track team was to run against Reitz. All during school everyone was wishing us all the luck in the world.

On the way there, we tried to ignore the flying butterflies in our stomachs. For once the bus was silent as we pulled out of Mater Dei's parking lot. Mrs. Harrington could feel the thick air — our nervous feelings. To get prepared, she told us Reitz's track girls were good, but we could be better. "Concentrate mind over matter and pain," she said. "If we run our guts out, we will finish with all the glory."

Later, as the meet progressed, our scores were crawling upwards side by side — very close. Our happiness and disbelief at keeping up with them was flooding the bleachers! Mrs. Harrington said she would take us all out for dinner if we won. If we could just beat Reitz after all these years of losing!

Finally, the last event started. It was up to Tammy Bailey, Barb Seib, Michelle Weidner, and Lisa Rickter in the one mile relay. The pistol fired and the race to victory began. Barb Seib, the first leg in the race, took off. She ran the complete lap and handed off the baton to Michelle Weidner who sped around the track. We were, at this

point, a little ahead of the Reitz's track team. The baton was then handed off to Lisa, giving us about a 50-meter lead.

Back at the bleachers, Coach Harrington was about ready to cry — unbelievable. Everybody else was jumping up and down saying "Keep it up," "Come on," "Go go go!"

Once Tammy Bailey, the last leg, got that baton, she really booked around that track as fast as a lightning strip. She kept up her speed and came right on in; it was beautiful! Mater Dei had beaten Reitz for the first time in Mater Dei's history of girls track. Everybody on our team just screamed out crying, even Mrs. Harrington.

On the way home on the bus, we all sang MD songs. At that moment, I felt a close bond among us all. We all won as a team — not as individuals; it had taken every point that **each** one of us scored in order to win.

— Elaine Nussel

### STATS-N-FACTS

Mater Dei	52.5	Gibson Southern	36
Mater Dei	54.5	Tecumseh	45.5
Mater Dei	54.5	Central	41.5
		North	36
Mater Dei	40.5	Mt. Vernon	64.5
Mater Dei	53.5	Reitz	51.5
Mater Dei	56.5	North	46.5
Sectionals 3rd Place			
Regionals 5th Place			



**CHAMP JUMPIN' HIGH:** Sophomore Tammy Bailey hits the bar at Enlow Field. For the second year in a row, Bailey advanced to the regional tournament. Also excelling in the 400-meter dash, she was voted by the track team Most Valuable Runner. (Photos by Courier and Press and Alan Burdette)

**MODERN-DAY MARY:** Freshman Dava Lappe donned in punk glasses and MD spirit towel appears to be praying at sectional track meet. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



**UNDER COVER TRACKSTERS:** Sophomore Tammy Bailey and an opponent from Central High School watch other events as they wait for the rain to die. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



**GIRLS TRACK TEAM:** FRONT ROW: Julie Adler, Michelle Weidner, Wendy Frankenburger, Angie Alvey, Anne Groves, Dava Lappe, SECOND ROW: Patty Tavormina, Tammy Bailey, Tammy Weinzapfel, Elaine Nussel, Lisa Dezember, Beth Becker, Denise Purcell, Tracy Slaton, THIRD ROW: Beth Crabtree, Sherri Dezember, Patty Alsop, Laura Knoll, Gretchen Hillenbrand, Barb Seib, BACK ROW: Mary Weidner, Stephanie Purcell, Jenny Olivey, Margarita Silva, Lisa Rickler, Cindy Weber, Laura Alsop. Sitting on the bottom are coaches Ms. Lisa Ledman and Mrs. Debi Harrington. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



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**Dan Fogelberg's hit song 'Run for the Roses' applied to more than the Kentucky Derby; it described the MD track season beautifully ...**

## 'Run for the Roses'

"We are finally getting recognition in school, in the papers and sometimes on the news. The other years no one knew we existed," commented Cindy Weber, senior member on the girls track team.

The recognition was richly deserved as the girls track team experienced its best season in nine years. The team's record was 6-1; 12 members went to sectionals. Winning sure was part of the picture this year especially after beating Reitz 51 1/2 to 53 1/2.

"I love to win, it makes people more aware of Mater Dei as winning instead of a losing team," said senior Jenny Olivey.

A lot of people may have wondered how the team could do so surprisingly well compared to past seasons. Some felt it was the hard practices of hopping up bleachers, as well as the new strict code enforced by coaches Mrs. Debi Harrington and Miss Lisa Ledman.

The girls' season was not all fun and games. There were

struggles they had to take into consideration such as sophomore Elaine Nussel explained, "I dread the pain that comes with running, but in order to win you have to put this pain aside and 'work your guts out,'" like Harrington would say.

However as the city meets came to a close, the girls were faced with the difficulty of qualifying for sectionals. Their success showed that their hard work paid off. Seniors who qualified for sectionals were Laura Alsop, Jenny Olivey, and Lisa Rickler. Juniors were Patty Alsop, Beth Crabtree, Gretchen Hillenbrand, and Barb Seib. Sophomore was Tammy Bailey, and freshmen were Anne Groves, Dava Lappe, Wendy Frankenburger, and Michelle Weidner.

Head Coach Harrington commented that the girls had a good attitude about running and were very hard workers. She stated, "We had fun and it was our best year we've ever had."

— Marty May



## BOYS TRACK STATS-N-FACTS

Mt. Vernon, 80, Mater Dei, 38  
 Bosse, 85, Mater Dei, 33  
 Princeton Invitational, Mater Dei, 64, 3rd place  
 North Posey, 57, Mater Dei, 49, Memorial, 42  
 Jasper Invitational, Mater Dei, 37, 8th place  
 North Quad-meet, Mater Dei, 57, 2nd place  
 Mater Dei, 46, Gibson Scutheim, 42  
 City Meet, Mater Dei, 35, 5th place  
 SIAC, Mater Dei, 32, 6th place

### INDIVIDUAL HONORS

#### SECTIONALS

Gary Weinzapfel — 5th 110 High Hurdles  
 Joe Bassemier — 5th Discus  
 Roger Brown — 1st High Jump  
 Kurt Koewler — 1st Shot Put

#### REGIONALS

Roger Brown — 1st High Jump  
 Kurt Koewler — 8th Shot Put

**HURDLIN' HERO:** Gary Weinzapfel glides over the hurdles to a first place finish in the SIAC meet. Weinzapfel was awarded the 1982 Track Kiwanis Award. (Photo by Kathy Konrad)



**BOYS TRACK: FIRST ROW:** Eric Becker, Bret Karmelink, Randy Russell, Joe Brady, Tony Hape, Todd Rexing, John Lehman, Geoff Coates. **SECOND ROW:** Brandy Hicks, Keith Moss, Eric Knapp, Pete Emmert, Keith Barnes, Mike Kirsch, Kurt Koewler, Mike Lacklar, Bobby DeZemmer, Debbie Leonhardt. **BACK ROW:** Joe Bassemier, Chris Corcoran, Pat Russel, Gary Weinzapfel, Dan Breidenbach, and Coach Herb Neighbors. (Absent from photo are Roger Brown, Dan Knight, and Assistant Coach Nick Alcorn. (Photo by Alan Burette)

**SECTIONAL STYLE:** Roger (Jumpin' Bean) Brown expresses the agony of a 6ft. 8in. jump which placed him third in the state finals. Brown plans to continue his high jumping career attending IU on a track scholarship. (Photos by Rob Zigentus)



**HEEVE HO:** Sophomore Kurt Koewler heaves the 12 pound shot put to a 1st place finish in sectionals. Koewler went on to regionals coming back with a eighth place. (Photo courtesy of Evansville Courier)



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## 'Run for the roses'/cont.

Senior Gary Weinzapfel wasn't a sheepherder, although he counted sheep. Rather, he was a trackster who counted sheep as a way of psyching himself up before a meet. "I sleep on the bus with a jacket over my head; sheep jumping over hurdles goes through my mind," explained Weinzapfel.

But preparing for a meet wasn't as easy for some as it was for others. While some were nervous and talked a lot, the majority of the team sat silently, listening to the loud music on the bus ride to the events.

Greg Blake said, "I mostly concentrate on my race and how I plan to do it."

Even though the team's mental attitude was high all season it had limited success on the scoreboard. Lack of depth proved to be its worst enemy.

Coach Herb Neighbors commented, "We never seemed to have down the line scorers."

Joe Bassemier said, "We were able to pick up firsts and seconds, but we didn't have enough people to get the third and fourth place points. Keith Moss added, "We didn't have enough people; most people had to run two or three times in one meet."

However, even with the lack of depth, there were some bright spots. Seniors Roger Brown, Gary Weinzapfel, Joe Bassemier and sophomore Kurt Koewler were depended upon a great deal all season to bring in first place points in their respective events. Neighbors said, "They don't make excuses; they just go out and work hard."

All their persistence paid off when each qualified for sectionals.

Bassemier placed fifth in the disc; Weinzapfel also brought home a fifth place ribbon for his efforts in the hurdles. Roger Brown, high jumper, and shot putter Kurt Koewler both received first place honors and were the only ones who advanced to Regionals. Brown went on to take third in State with a jump of 6'8".

Coach Neighbors' quote summed up the whole season: "Our major goal was to hurdle, run, throw, and leap into sectionals, regionals, and state. Unfortunately, we stumbled over a few hurdles, didn't quite run fast enough nor throw far enough, but we did jump into the state finals."

— Krista Grossman

**SADIE SWINGER:** Moving to the sights and sounds of the KDQ sound and light show are juniors Laura Knoll and Lisa Shetter. This dance provided excellent "first date" opportunities as girls got to ask guys out. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**"GET DOWN":** Chris Hertel and two of his freshmen classmates really get into the dancing fever. Chris shows the crowd he knows what it means to "get down." (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)



**BOOGIE-IN' BUDDIES:** Seniors Jenny Baehl and Angie Hertel, along with junior Julie Baehl, took the opportunity to show off their fancy footwork and body language at the Western Dance. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)

**GRAB YOUR PARTNER:** Senior Angie Hertel foot-stomped to the country music at the first Western Dance with her homemade date "Clem" as classmate Laura Lappe looks on. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)



**BARE FOOTIN':** Sophomore Mindy McBride kicks off her shoes (and socks) and literally shows the people her dancing feet. Mindy was one of the many who felt the dancing fever at Sadie Hawkins. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**GOOD OL' BOYS:** Mr. John Stratman and the rest of the Clinch Creek Band set the mood for the first Mater Dei Western Dance and Final Roundup. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)



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## Dancing fever on the rise

Mix country and western with rock and roll; add freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors; top it all off with a spirit of "Celebration," and what do you get? A rise in the dance fever at Mater Dei!

Along with traditional dances — Homecomings and Sadie Hawkins — two new Western Dances were sponsored by the Journalism Department. Taking them by storm was English teacher Mr. John Stratman, a member of "The Clinch Creek Band."

Stratman commented, "I enjoyed giving the students a chance to see me in a different light."

The band proved to be a crowd pleaser by performing recent rock and roll hits and a few selections for the "punk"ers. Chaperones as well as students let their hair down, kicked off their shoes, and footstomped to the band's

specialty, good ol' rock and roll. Sherri Ricketts' mother, Janice, appeared to steal the floor show as she "boogied" center stage, even though it was the cafeteria floor. Later in the year, Clinch Creek returned for "The Final Roundup Western Dance." Its success was evident as everyone joined hands and danced to the crowd favorite, "Rocky Top!" Darrell Whelan, Lori's father, kept losing his cowboy hat while he danced to Rocky Top for the first time.

Junior Shari Unfried commented, "Well, the band was great — and seeing Mr. Stratman in it was even better!"

Helping the dance fever grow, senior D.J. Clay Allison brought in the crowds at the football and basketball Homecoming dances.

At Sadie Hawkins, KDQ performed with its own sound and light show. As in the past, "scruff" was the dress and

mood for the day, and as for the night, well the girls got their chance to choose dates and foot the bill. Although it was reported that no one lured Government teacher, Mr. Mike Goebel, into attending, there were quite a few people for the showing. Sophomore Jeff Mischler commented that the fun depended on who you went with.

"We didn't like the sound and light show. The record skipped and it wasn't loud enough, but we had fun because we had a good group of people."

Yes, Mater Dei dances received the uplift they needed. Perhaps it was the one time this year when students joined hands — even if it was for Rocky Top:

Rocky Top you'll always be  
Home Sweet Home to me —  
So will Mater Dei  
And the Wildcat Family!

— Mary Schenk

## Expect the unexpected

**Although preparations were carefully made for the prom at ISUE on May 21 there were still a number of mishaps known to occur . . .**

Abbie Baker and Ken Kincheloe:  
"Lightening striking I.S.U.E.'s Radio antenna while we were outside; it scared me to death."

Karen Raleigh and Mike Richards:

"Our camera broke; it rained; we got sick on the boat ride, and we walked into a three-inch-deep puddle."

Christi Neale and Mike Bevers:  
"We had a car wreck with Jodi Powell and her boyfriend."

Ronny Maurer and Kim Hankins:  
"After we ate dinner, right before we went to the dance, the zipper in my dress broke. I had to go home to get it fixed."

Sherri Ricketts and Charlie Voelker:

"I stepped on my dress coming up the steps at ISUE and ripped my dress."

John Townsend and Laura Gerber:

"The car we were in had been cleaned **very** good, including the vinyl seats. I slid all over the front seat everytime we turned a corner."

Bethe Ledbetter and Bob Culver:  
"I wore a hoop skirt and had a heck of a time getting out of the car when it got stuck in the seat."

Janet Gries and Mike Kaiser:  
"He almost ran the car up a telephone pole."

Mike Kaiser and Janet Gries:  
"That's not true, I was in total control! I did it just to scare her!!"



**SOUTHERN COMFORT:** Robb Bumb and Laura Hutchinson, seniors, model the latest in prom fashions. The couple was only one of many to dress in the "Southern Belle" style. (Photo by Bob Straub)

**DECORATION DETERMINATION:** Juniors Sherry Schneider and Julie Rexing concentrate on finishing hurricane lamps for table decorations. The lamps were a last minute job because there was a shortage in supplies and an increase in prom attendance. (Photo by: Alan Burdette)

# Belles and beaus going to the wallet

## How much did it really cost?

### FOUR WEEKS BEFORE . . .

After shopping for her prom dress, Amy ends up turning down a date for Saturday night so she can babysit for extra money.

Brad buys the prom ticket and starts working overtime one night a week to help build his savings.

### TWO WEEKS BEFORE . . .

Brad gets fitted for his tux and asks how much the rental will cost. He realizes he should work overtime two nights a week instead of just one.

Amy orders flowers, and, discovering the high prices, decides to make the payment herself, saving Brad a small sum.

### ONE WEEK BEFORE . . .

Dinner reservations are made and definite plans for after prom activities are decided on.

### PROM DAY . . .

Amy clarifies dinner reservations. Brad washes his car, fills the gas tank, picks up his tux . . . and . . . takes out a loan from Dad . . .

Sound familiar? If it does, you were probably part of the 160 couples that attended the 1982 Junior-Senior prom.

A yearbook questionnaire surveying approximately 130 couples showed that the average total amount spent on prom was \$182 for one couple.

How did students get the bucks?

Brandy Hicks, junior, commented, "I worked one extra hour every day for about two weeks at Davis car wash on Green River Rd."

The average tux rental cost was \$42 the most popular rental places being Newmans, Mr. Penguin, Marco's, and Spindlers Tux in Haubstadt.

Several girls realized that **buying** their dresses wasn't the only alternative. Stephanie Purcell, senior, found that out. "I borrowed mine from Cathy Roe for the small fee of helping her with her calculus." A few others had theirs made by their mom or other relative. The cost of these ranged from \$21 to \$100. But those who did buy their dresses paid an average of \$74. Most popular place patronized by MD ladies were Weddings by Ramsey and Marco's.

Of course no prom would be complete without the presence of delicate flowers and most couples found Ace was the place with the helpful hardware woman. Mrs. Marilyn Reibel, wife of the store's owner, proved very helpful indeed.

"I called Marilyn and gave her an idea of what I wanted and when I saw the bouquet she put together for me I was really pleased," said Carla Decamps. Other flower shops that were found favorable were Pat's Path, and Zeidlers. The average price paid was \$14.

Prom without a romantic dinner just wouldn't be prom, or would it? Kathy Konrad and Gary Weinzapfel, seniors, didn't have much choice in the matter.

"We were going to have a candle-light dinner at my house, but we

ran out of time so we ended up going through the drive-through at Burger King at 2:30 in the morning, right before the movie. Most other couples could be found at Butterfields or My Brothers Place, spending on the average \$24.

Although \$182 was average cost for prom, the least amount spent was \$91 and the most spent was \$400. But whatever the cost, most couples asked said it was well worth it . . . why?

"You've got lots of pictures to remember it by."

"I suppose you only live once, why not have a good time?"

"It was definitely worth it! It was romantic and it's the only chance to be alone all night long."

"It only happens once a year and it should be a special night no matter what the cost."

"When else would I get dressed up and be escorted by a fox in a tux?!"

"She was a babe! All I can say is it was a night **not** to be forgotten! My only wish is that it could've lasted longer, say all weekend."

— Lisa Scheller

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**SUNNY SMILES ON A PROM NIGHT:** Even though rain did put a damper on a lot of the fun on prom junior Debbie Humpert and her date didn't seem to mind. (Photo by Bob Straub)



**BEDSIDE MANNERS:** Seniors Gary Weinzapfel and Kathy Konrad visit the hospital at her grandmother's request.

**PRIMED TO PLEASE:** Junior Debbie Humpert goes through the usual prom day routine — primping. Because the occasion was on a school day, seniors were dismissed after third period, while the juniors were excused for the day. (Photo by Kathy Konrad)





# Harried hassle . . . magnificent May Day

May Day started out as one of those rainy mornings when everything went wrong, and ended up one of those fun-filled afternoons when everything turned out right.

Beginning the day at an overcast 5:30 A.M., the journalism staff sponsored an all-new pancake breakfast. Chefs Rob "Georgio" Zigenfus, Roger "Jumping Bean" Brown, Alan Burdette, and others chipped in to burn their share of the pancakes (purely the opinion of this reporter though, others thought the breakfast was very good!).

At 8:15, the drizzle outside turned to a steady rain. Inside, Jason Haton, son of algebra teacher Mrs. Debbie Haton, was supposed to carry the crown for Mary in the formal ceremony, but he became so frightened that he could not do it.

At 9:00, journalism teacher Mrs. Leslie Stratman was in a complete frazzle as she watched the May Day Mass. Dressed in her faded bib overalls, she nervously awaited communion time. She had brought a dress to wear while giving out communion, but newspaper staffers Scott Altman and Mike Locklar had taken her car — with the dress in it — to get the newspapers. They arrived only moments before she was to hand out communion.

Capping off the frenzy, senior Mary Ellert, chosen to reign as queen over the May Court, lost her speech. She said, "You wouldn't believe how nervous I was! I lost the little speech I was to give and almost fell down going up the stars. I was shaking really bad!"

Her court consisted of 13 senior girls and their escorts, with Mary Kay Kissel as Maid of Honor. Debbie Leonhardt was her second attendant. The girls wore long dresses of various pastel colors and were followed into the gym by the rest of the senior class to be seated on the gym floor for the May Day mass. Plants and pink dogwood were used as decora-

tions.

Outside it thundered, but just like the U.S. postal service, May Day festivities continued through the rain, the thunderstorms, and gloomy skies.

After the formal ceremony, students changed into casual attire, preparing for the Sack Full of Cats, Slaughter-ball, Tug-of-War, and Egg Toss as well as some newer games including the Mini Grand Prix, Emergency Cat Run, and the Pie Eating Contest.

The audience screamed and yelled with excitement as it watched the Mini Grand Prix — a tricycle relay race.

"My feet kept slipping off the pedals at first but it was a lot of fun," said junior Nhan Nguyen.

Senior Lisa Scheller participated in the Sack Race.

"I was really surprised when I ended up with the bruises I did. I felt like someone kept pulling my feet out from under me," she said.

The Egg Toss was a messy experience for junior Barb Seib as the egg cracked on her face in the final seconds.

"It was very embarrassing. Everybody was staring at me and laughing," said Barb.

One of the most exciting and perhaps unappetizing events was the Pie Eating Contest. Three chocolate cream pies were placed in front of one boy from each class. The person who ate the most pie in a four-minute period was declared the winner. Senior Dan Knight managed to gobble down the most pie in leading the seniors to victory with a total of 49 points.

Miss Darla Edwards, activities chairperson with Mr. Don Sheridan, commented about the special day, "I feel that the May Day activities were a big success. The events were funny and very entertaining!"

. . . and not even the weather could rain on our parade!

— Felicia Smith

**EASY DOES IT:** Senior Mary Ellert carefully crowns the Blessed Virgin statue during the formal ceremony as escort Ron Schneider looks on. The event was symbolic of the school's respect to Mary, the Mother of God. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**BATTER BOY:** A new event on the morning of May Day was the Journalism Department's Pancake Breakfast. Chefs such as Alan Burdette arrived at 5:30 A.M. to get things started. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)







**AGONY OF DEFEAT:** Mike Lagenour tries to bring the freshmen to a victory in the tug-of-war. However, it wasn't quite enough as the seniors ended up winning the contest. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)

**FATAL FALL?:** Although seniors Shannon Estep and Nick Bergwitz found it hard to carry Scott Altman at times, it proved worthwhile as the seniors won the Emergency Cat Run. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)

**GOBBLIN' GOODIES:** The pie eating contest was a new event in which senior Dan Knight took all the glory by eating three pies in four minutes. (Photo by Greg Bourdeau)



**MAY COURT:** Pat Wildeman, Laura Gerber, Clay Allison, Martha May, Brian Schmitt, Margarita Silva, Tom Titzer, Kendra Hartz, Chris Fulkerson, Agnes

Schmitt, Joe Kuhn, Mary Kay Kissel, Ron Schneider, Mary Ellert, Sam Fulton, Debbie Leonhardt, Bob Culver, Theresa Reising, Greg Lehman, Julie Little,

Dion Seiler, Linda Winterman, Lynn Hassler, Clare Becker, Mike Baehl, Angie Herfel. Flower girl was Christina Hines. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

PERCUSSION IS PERFECT: MD band members Jim Pauli, Ron Schneider, Mark Seng and Ron Soellner perform at the Operation City Beautiful Award Ceremony. MD won the award for the cleanest campus among the area high schools. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

HUNTING HYSTERIA: Honor Society member Gretchen Hillenbrand and her "friend for the day" hunt for Easter eggs during the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Junior Honor Society. The group held a bake sale to raise money for the event. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS: FRONT ROW: Bill Bosden, Tony Bender, Mike Locklar, Jim Weinzapfel, Alan Burdette, Susan Preske, Kelle Rexing, Tammy Hollander. SECOND ROW: Denise Moss, Greta Emmert, Laura Layman, Sue Bradley, John Dewig, Joe Bassemier, Jeff Martin, Joyce Martin. THIRD ROW: Mary Ellert, Laura Hutchinson, Kathy Koresell, Kim Harlein, Mary Ann Kelle, Laurie Gerber, Stephanie Purcell, Margaret Tavormina. FOURTH ROW: Tom Spindler, Keith Rooney, Bob Culver, Roba Bumb, Pat Wideman, Kevin Dick, Kathy Konrad, Gary Weinzapfel. BACK ROW: Martha Meredith, Mary Moutoux, Debbie Leonhardt, Patricia Weinzapfel, Felicia Smith, Angie Hertel, Theresa Reising, Julie Little, Mary Kay Kissel, Karen Lynn Rheinlander, Gretchen Hillenbrand.

JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY: FRONT ROW: Jenny Embry, Debbie Bradley, Lori Schnur, Jenny Beyer, Lisa Kempf, Robby Mead, Kim Kissel. SECOND ROW: Audrey Fulton, Ann Rode, Dwight Emmert, Dan Breidenbach, Betsy Breidenbach, Tammie Weinzapfel, Patty Avormina. THIRD ROW: Julie Haller, Karen Backes, Becky Sanford, Mary Deig, Jill Brauer, Britt Heathcotte, Jane Schapker, Kelly Seib. BACK ROW: Nick Braun, J.D. Fleck, Pete Emmert, Geoff Coates. (Photo by Mary Ellert)





**MIR. NICE GUY:** Principal Joseph Delehunt accepts the clean campus award on behalf of the entire school. As a result, MD students were treated to a free day of swimming and dancing at Kramer's Lake. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**BIRTHDAY GIRL:** Angie Elliott is honored on her birthday with an Easter bunny cake made by Mary Schenk. Time was also taken out to celebrate birthdays by decorating lockers and putting baby pictures in the Student Council bulletin board. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**SUPER SPEAKERS:** Marlene Schentrup and Dave Stocker were State finalists in speech competition. Dave was chosen as one of the forensic league's outstanding speakers. Marlene was awarded senior speaker of the year and also earned a Double Ruby (over 500 points). (Photos by Bob Straub)



## Honors . . . from academics to clean campus

Row by row they lined up in front of their chairs, each praying they wouldn't get a broken one. As Darlene Rooney sat down and whispered, "Oh no, my chair," the rest of the row snickered and knew she was the unlucky one. Every student seated on the gym floor on May 8 was recognized as an honor student. Some received certificates of Cum Laude and/or Magna Cum Laude, while others awaited even more distinct awards.

With President Reagan's financial aid cutbacks, scholarships were in great demand. College-bound seniors who applied for scholarships anxiously await-

ed for the list of aids given by the University of Evansville, Tri-State Beauty College, Indiana University and others. Those receiving scholarships included Stephanie Purcell, Joe Kuhn, John Dewig, Bob Culver, Margaret Tavormina, Clare Becker, Mary Kay Kissel, Tom Spindler, Patricia Weinzapfel, Darrel Paul, Keith Rooney, Robb Bumb, Pat Wildeman, Carla Decamps, Donna Koresel, Krista Grossman, Beth Richey, Jayne Happe, Mary Wannemueller, Lori Whelan, Kevin Dick, Don Goedde, Jerry Grannan, Kim Hartlein, Kathy Koresel, Gary Weinzapfel, Julie Little, Theresa Reising, Mary Ellert, Roger Brown, and

Jenny Olivey.

On a lighter side than academics and scholarships, Mater Dei students were active in more human interest affairs. Included was the clean campus award. The school was recognized in a parade on Franklin Street featuring Mater Dei's own marching band.

Honor students could be seen all around the city involved in music, journalism, and even Easter egg hunts. Where would the city be without such people?

— Mary Schenk

# Lights . . . Curtain . . . What? . . . No Concert?

**GIRL WATCHING?** The Singing Wildcats perform "There's Nothing Like a Dame," from the musical South Pacific. The group includes Alan Burdette, Pete Emmert, Dwight Emmert, Dan Breidenbach, Roger Angermeier, Kevin Dick, Brian Helfrich, and Chris Hertel (in grass skirt). (Photo courtesy of Mr. Bill Helfrich)



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**BOSOM BUDDIES:** Alan Burdette and Brian Helfrich sing "Thank You For Being A Friend." The pair's performance received a standing ovation. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Bill Helfrich)



**SINGING WILDCATS:** FRONT ROW: Roger Angermeier, Dan Breidenbach, Chris Hertel. SECOND ROW: Dwight Emmert, Pete Emmert, Alan Burdette. BACK ROW: Kevin Dick, Brian Helfrich. (Photo by Geoff Coates)





## The show must go on

FRESHMAN CHORUS: ON FLOOR: Mike Neale, Dwight Emmert, Jim Little. BOTTOM TO TOP: Regina Southard, Theresa Thornton, Lee Anne Soika, Lachere Anslinger, Amy Werner, Susan Weber, Teresa Baughn, Maria Hollis, Karen Beaven, Lori Laib, Dava Lappe, Angela Etherton, Anne Groves. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

FAME!: The Swing Choir practices its song and dance routine of the movie hit theme "Fame." Members of the choir are, FRONT ROW: Julie Haller, Mary Ann Scheller, Jill Rexing. SECOND ROW: Patty Wildt, Greta Emmert. THIRD ROW: Chris Reinert, Missy Burdette, Karen Backes. BACK ROW: Pete Emmert, Brian Helfrich.



Lights ... curtain ... what? ... no concert?!!

This shock hit the entire music department very unexpectedly. It had been practicing for five months to prepare itself for the spring concert which was to be held May 16. However, because of conflicting scheduling of the gym area (a wrestling tourney had been scheduled the day of dress rehearsal), the presentation was pushed back to May 31.

"I was mad at first, but I guess the extra two weeks gave us time to prepare," said Mary Ann Scheller, choir member.

Whether or not the two weeks made any significant difference in the outcome of the concert is not known. What is known is that those who chose to attend the extravaganza were treated to a most professional evening of music and song and dance entertainment.

"It was really excellent," said Rob

Zigenfus, a junior who attended. "We need to get more students to those kind of activities," he added.

The band opened the concert with several tunes including "Stars In A Velvety Sky" by Herbert L. Clarke, which included a trumpet solo by Jerry Grannan and "America the Beautiful."

The choir included a variety of music than ranged from classical to pop; in short, something for everyone.

"Nothing Like a Dame," from the movie South Pacific, was performed by the Singing Wildcats with Chris Hertel impersonating a hula dancer in a grass skirt (no coconuts please!). Such recent hits as "Hello Again" and "Just the Way Your Are" were also performed. Choreography was also added to spice up some numbers which included "One" and "Fame." Brian Helfrich and Alan Burdette received a standing ovation for their performance of "Thank You for Being a Friend."

"I think the dancing, in addition to the singing, really helped hold the audience's attention," stated Jill Rexing.

The fun-filled evening came to a close with a finale song and dance routine of the ever-popular "New York, New York."

Choir director Mrs. Cindy Weis said, "I was thrilled that everything went so well; the choir members just felt so good about it!"

"Prior to the postponement of this concert, 'greenie' teacher Mrs. Weis and the rest of the choir struggled through many hardships. Lights shorted out at the Christmas concert, a piano was "ill," and the classroom became a swimming pool. But through it all they survived, proving that no matter what the circumstances ... the show, must (and did) go on.

— Beth Leebetter

— Greta Emmert

The weeks preceding the junior-senior prom were lovely. You couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather. The sun had shone almost every day; most of the girls had acquired golden tans before the anticipated event. But then, on prom night, it rained. Hair, which had taken hours to fix, was drenched. Many couples did not go on the riverboat ride after prom for fear of the storm. All in all, the rainy weather put a damper on post-prom activities.

This is only one example of how unpredictable the weather was, and how it greatly influenced MD's students lives.

Spring break was another anticipated event because it gave students a chance to lay out all week so they could be as dark or darker as their friends who were fortunate enough to vacation in Florida. But noooooooo! It rained and snowed the whole time.

Evansville was declared a national disaster area following a severe thunderstorm and probable tornado on June 8 which left various parts of the city without power and caused extensive damage. Nearly all of the trees in Garvin Park and Willard library were uprooted. A house on Lombard Avenue was split in two by a huge tree. Room 207 at Mater Dei was struck by lightning.

At Weslake, the juniors were having their class party . . . in the guard room and restrooms! A tornado supposedly had touched down about a mile from the lake, causing them to take cover.

"We weren't sure what was going to happen," said Alan Burdette. "We didn't know if it was just one storm or a tornado."

Mary Schenk added, "We felt so helpless because we were crunched in there (in the bathrooms) in a corner. Someone next to me about cut the circulation off my arm!"

School in the area was cancelled the day following the storm, and all other MD class parties were called off.

In times of tragedy such as this, people grew closer to one another. They helped each other clear away the broken limbs and uprooted trees from their yards. Total strangers talked to one another in the long grocery lines and asked such questions as, "Where were you when the storm hit?" It's too bad it takes something as destructive as a severe thunderstorm to pull people together.

— Mary Ellert

LAUGHTER IN THE RAIN?: Trackster Chris Pugh and statistician Brandy Hicks wait in the drizzle between events at the City track meet. The rain wasn't the only reason for the sad faces as MD's performance in the meet was disappointing. (Photo courtesy of the Evansville Courier and Press)





**DRYIN' OFF:** Class sponsor Mr. John Stratman rests after the storm hit at Westlake during the junior class party. A tornado supposedly touched down just a mile away. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**PUTTING A 'DAMPER ON THINGS:** Margarita and Louisa Silva take cover at the girls track sectionals. The meet was held at Central track, despite the rain. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**EN"LIGHTNING"!!** The weather in Evansville proved to be as unpredictable as ever. Thunderstorms over the Memorial Day weekend thwarted many outdoor activities. Here, a bolt of lightning illuminates the downtown area, particularly the newly erected Citizens Bank building. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



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**AFTERMATH:** The severe thunderstorm which ripped through the area towards the end of school took its toll on Mater Dei. Left, a power line is damaged. Right, a huge tree by the side hill is uprooted. (Photos by Belthe Ledbetter)



## Following announcements . . .

"Good Morning this is September 7, 1981 . . ." This unfamiliar male voice came over the intercom on the first day of school. It may have startled some and others may have taken no notice of him. Now for the first time in 20 years, Mater Dei had a new principal, Mr. Joseph Delehunt, who succeeded Sister Mary Carmel Spayd.

The Uniontown, Pennsylvania, native not only brought with him his early morning greetings but also different attitudes and ideas.

"In the beginning of the 81-82 school year I felt apprehensive. Mater Dei had its own tradition, its own history. I was unfamiliar with them and I was determined to get to know them."

Delehunt kept Mater Dei's traditions, but a few things were changed and added. In October of 1981 during a volleyball game with Castle, a few Mater Dei students became rowdy, shouted vulgarities, and displayed "very poor sportsmanship."

Delehunt, along with the student council, laid down the law. They drew up a set of rules and penalties.

"The athletic situation," stated Delehunt, "was a sooner or later thing. It was bound to happen. We dealt with it very well. This was a crisis where things worked out and the students learned a lesson."

Dress code also became a part of Delehunt's updating process. In February, 1982, he allowed the girls to wear pullover sweaters. On April 1, 1982, Delehunt instituted more laws and changed part of the dress code. It will go into effect in September of the 82-83 school year. Delehunt commented about this, "Mater Dei's dress code was and is very good. It just needed a few changes to bring it closer to the present. It gives the students a chance to look good and be able to do so inexpensively."

Delehunt remarked on how he had received a positive attitude



from students and faculty alike.

"It is difficult job being head administrator because you get no instant feedback as a teacher does. When I do receive feedback, it is positive."

He also said how he enjoyed working with teenagers.

"They are all exciting to be around. They keep me young, and they are a constant reminder of my high school days."

When the academic year came to a close, Delehunt ended the year as he had begun it!

"Good morning, this is June 9, 1982. Since today is the last day of the year, we will be on a special schedule . . ."

— Kim Preske

**KEEPING OFF THE STREET:** Mr. Joseph Delehunt, from Union Town Pennsylvania, is more than just Mater Dei's new principal. He enjoys bicycling, hiking, and camping in his spare time. But after being involved in the National Catholic Education Association, Indiana Secondary School Administration, the National Association of Second School Principals, the Evansville Area High School Athletic Council, and the Southern Indiana Athletic Council Steering Committee, there doesn't seem to be much time left to spare. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



**GOTTA BE CRAZY TO WORK HERE!** Principal Mr. Joseph Delehunt's secretaries didn't even know each other until 1981. Mrs. Mary Groves, left, started her job as bookkeeper in June. Mrs. Charlotte Vanhooser has been taking care of the office records and students for the past 14 years. They say they have built a good relationship working together and have gone to many MD ball games and wrestling meets together. (Photo by Beth Leabetter)

**GET YOUR TICKETS HERE:** Mrs. Marty Lemberg, graduate of Indiana State, has been the athletic secretary for two years. She is responsible for not only selling tickets for all of the Mater Dei athletic events but she also hires officials and arranges bus trips for out of town events. (Photo by Kathy Konrad)



**RIGHT HAND MAN:** Mr. Todd Rudnick has been assistant principal for two years. He moved to Evansville from Michigan City, Indiana when he was offered a job in the administration. This year he admits he is Mr. Joe Delehunt's "right hand man." (Photo by Geoff Coates)

**COURTESY OF CULVER:** Mr. Bob Culver is the head maintenance man at Mater Dei. He is the father of Bob Culver, senior, and supports him and all athletes by making posters and hanging them on the entrance to the gym. Culver made signs for the students to boost their spirit and congratulate their winnings. "I really enjoy working here, and I love the kids," said Culver. (Photo by Beth Leabetter)



**CAFETERIA CREW:** The group of ladies responsible for feeding the hungry students are Rita Bergwitz (manager), Sue Greulich, Flora Russell, Cathy Nooks, Josephine Alvey, Rosella Lankford, Rita Hoefling, Joan Kruse, Julia Payne. Not pictured are Carol Konrad and Donna Bahleber. (Photo by Kathy Konrad)

**BUSY BROOMIN':** New maintenance crew member, Carol Stokes enjoys working with Mater Dei students and teachers. She was previously employed as a secretary. She came to Mater Dei because of the location and flexible hours. (Photo by Kathy Konrad)



**A PAIL -A- DAY** .... John Warren, a maintenance member, has been employed at Mater Dei since the middle of last year. He works with Mr. Culver and students in keeping the school clean and doing various fix it jobs. (Photo by Beth Lebetter)



"Hey Dad, do I really have to do that assignment?"

"What's on the test tomorrow, Mom?"

Is this really what went on with teachers who had immediate family members as students at Mater Dei? Mr. Frank Will, drivers-ed, physical education teacher, and football coach, felt that his son Bryan had the same responsibility as any other student. He also mentioned, "I try to treat the ordinary student as my own child. This might not always be best, but it is consistent." Coach Will's son was a freshman.

John Sherman, the stepson of Mrs. Susan Brown, English and mechanical drawing teacher, explained how he felt about the discipline in class. "I think my mom is fair to all students in her classes."

In this type of situation, students being related to teachers, school life could have possibly caused a strain on home life and vice-versa. Relationships involving school might have sometimes made home life more difficult. Chemistry, physics teacher and soccer coach Mrs. Marie Hankins did not think so. She felt there was very little connection between the two. Her daughter Kim commented, "It's about

the same; she doesn't nag me to do homework much. She is not real strict in class with anyone, so it's about the same atmosphere as at home."

How did a student who had a parent for a teacher address that parent in the classroom? The majority of the teachers said it did not matter just as long as it was respectful.

The other teachers who are related to students at Mater Dei include: government teacher, track and cross country coach, and dean Mr. Herb Neighbors (son Mark, freshman), history teacher and wrestling coach Mr. Mike Goebel, (brother, Chris, freshman), Mr. Tom Dick, science teacher, (son, Kevin, senior), and band teacher Mr. Kurt Wambach, (brother Jon Wambach, senior).

Senior Kevin Dick commented upon his relationship with his father.

"My father and I are close enough that our relationship changes very little between home and school. Although I do avoid dealing with him face to face because I find it hard being objective toward him," he said.

So the next time you do something wrong in class and know your parents won't find out, be appreciative because for some, that's not the case!

— Marty May

*Relatively teaching*



Mrs. Mary Beauchamp  
Sr. Sharon Bittner  
Mrs. Suzanne Brown  
Mr. Tom Dick

Miss Daria Edwards  
Ms. Karen Fitzpatrick  
Miss Julie Floyd  
Mr. Mike Goebel

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## *Towel times*

The person responsible for making sure the wet students are dried, following their gym classes, is Mr. Bill Byers. He is a native of Owensboro and has been employed at Mater Del for 15 years. He is known through the school for his famous little dance that he does while he sings some of Elvis Presley's familiar tunes. (Photo by Rob Zigentus)



Miss Sheryl Graham  
Mrs. Marie Hankins  
Mrs. Debra Harrington  
Mrs. Debra Haton



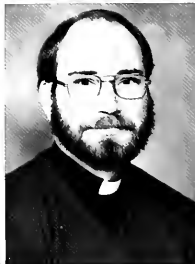
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Miss Carol Kasbohm  
Mr. Richard Keith



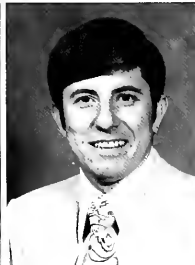
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Mrs. Becky Larson  
Ms. Lisa Ledman  
Sr. Jane Michele McClure



Mr. Charlie Martin  
Fr. Dave Martin  
Mrs. Lynn Merrick  
Mr. Herb Neighbors



Mrs. Mary Patry  
Mr. John Reinitz  
Mrs. Barbara Ruehling  
Mr. Don Sheridan





### *Mrs. or Miss Stateler?*

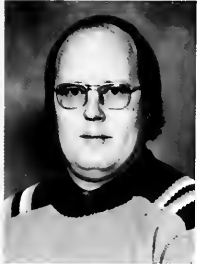
Miss Janice Stateler, librarian, is tired of getting attendance slips. Most students don't realize that the slips go to her mother, Mrs. Frances Stateler. Frances started at Mater Dei helping her daughter in the library. She was then offered the job of keeping attendance and being the secretary for the Assistant Principal Mr. Todd Rudnick.

Janice still lives at home and is an only child. She and her mother both enjoy reading and doing needlepoint. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



Miss Janice Stateler  
Mr. John Stratman  
Mrs. Leslie Stratman  
Mr. Carl Voegel

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Mr. Kurt Wambach  
Mrs. Cindy Weis  
Mrs. Pat Welsh  
Mr. Frank Will



Mrs. Jeanne Williams  
Sr. Mary Francis Williams

# DEVASTATING DISEASE

Brock Rexing had the shakes. It wasn't because he was nervous; it wasn't a nicotine fit; he wasn't cold; he had the dreadful disease — SENIORITIS.

Senioritis began in the latter days of April and lasted throughout May. The days were warmer, the nights were longer, and the homework got harder.

One hundred and sixty eight students — all seniors — were overcome with the spreading symptoms. These included drooping eyelids caused from excessive partying and celebration, continuous daydreaming of sunny afternoons and long summer nights. There was also a rebellious attitude towards homework assignments and studies.

On May 6, Debbie Leonhardt announced to her friends, "As far as I'm concerned, school's out."

There also appeared in the halls groups of girls who were absent on one day, but returned on the next day

with either a darker tan or a sunburn.

Special senior privileges helped to make the year progress faster. The seniors were able to sleep later while the rest of the school came to schedule classes for the 1982-83 school year. They were also dismissed early while the underclassmen stayed for an assembly in which the new dress code was discussed.

Graduation announcements came in which made graduation day seem to creep a little closer.

Cindy Weber said after getting her announcements, "I couldn't wait to send them out."

Once the senior retreat came around, time seemed to start flying. It was headed by Father Steve Lintzenich at the Catholic Center on April 28th and 29th. Seventy six students attended the first day and about fifty on the second. There were discussions on relationships with yourself, others and God. Filmstrips were shown, a poster contest held, and the day ended with a mass.

"I really enjoyed it," said Mary Weidner, "The most fun was the poster contest."

Seniors in the second semester government classes participated in reenacting crimes on Law Day. Central, Reitz, and Harrison, along with Mater Dei, split into four groups for the activities that were held downtown in

the Federal Building. The trials that the students participated in showed the seniors the reality of the courtroom and the procedures that occur.

Jody Powell said, "It was exciting, I loved it. We learned about the law and what it was like to be a criminal."

Mrs. Pat Welsh planned a special day for the consumer economic classes on May 12. Three buses were taken to area businesses which included Deaconess Hospital, the jail, the police station, and the Citizens and Old National Banks.

Jenny Baehl explained, "It was better than going to school, but I would have rather stayed at home and laid out."

The year came to a close with such events as Prom, Honors Night, and Baccalaureate. The last day of school was the 28th of May. Six Flags was the location for the class trip held on June 2.

With the turning of tassels on the motorboards on June 6th at 1:30 p.m., the disease was overcome. Through the celebrations, the parties and all the other events that marked graduation, the epidemic of the class of '82 came to be a thing not kept as a record in the medical books, but placed safely in our memories and in our hearts.

— Angie Hertel

— Lori Whelan



WHAT CAN WE SAY? The seniors chose for their class officers, Mary Ellert, secretary; Tom Knowles, president; Gary Weinzapfel, treasurer; Keith Rooney, vice-president. The four will be in charge of future class reunions. (Photo by Bret Kornelink)

KICKING OFF: Seniors Kim Hartlein, Kim Hankins and Angie Elliott are kicking off to their future after graduating from Mater Dei High School as the class of '82. Before seniors celebrate the Baccalaureate at school, friends reminisce over the past four years. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



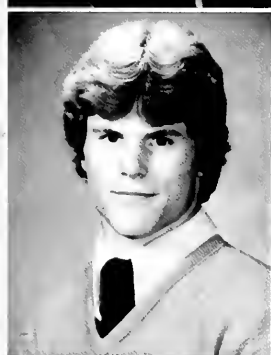


McCHICKEN, McFRIES, McSHAKE: The Mcfavorite place to eat out for Mater Dei's Mcseniors is the new McDonald's on St. Joe Avenue. We have picked up the McLanguage and gave them a lot of Mcbusiness. BOTTOM McLEFT: Jenny McOlivey, Julie McGries, Amy McKlenck, Mary McWeinher, and Cindy McWeber, enjoy the lunch away from

Mc school by eating McDonald's variety of Mcgrub for a change. BOTTOM McRIGHT: Clay McAllison, and Keith McRooney are interested in Mcwatching others goof off while they are Mc trying to concentrate on their Mclunch. (Photo by Mary McEller)



Ron Adler  
Sandy Adler  
Andy Alcorn



Clay Allison  
Laura Alsop  
Scott Altman

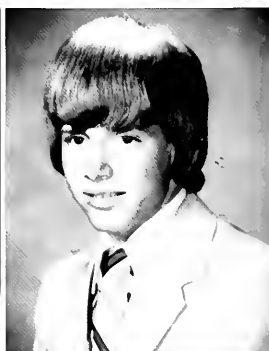
## *Here comes the troop*

Seniors Ed Lappe and Jim Morrow await their gym floor appearance. They were body guards for Reverend Brock Nicholson in the senior skit that was held as a competition between the classes at an assembly to begin the 1982 candy sale. After the skit, several senior girls commented on the guy's muscular shoulders that were emphasized by their army t-shirts! (Photo by Leslie Stratman)

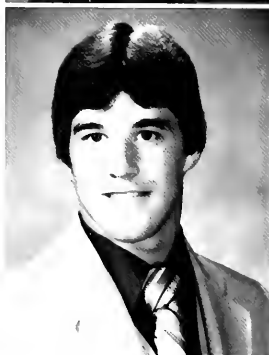


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Jenny Baehl  
Mike Baehl



Joe Bassemier  
Debbie Beach  
Clare Becker





Nick Bergwitz  
Bill Blaxton  
Becky Boorman



Tina Boorman  
Ron Boeglin  
Kathy Boes



Anna Brenner  
Karen Brooks  
Roger Brown



Mark Brugger  
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Angie Elliot  
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### *Too pooped to party*

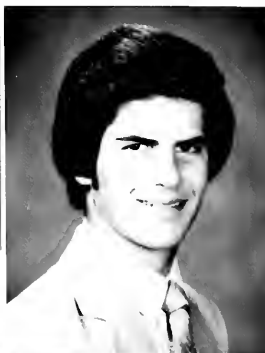
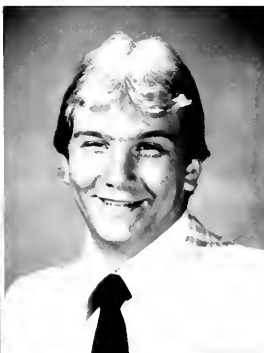
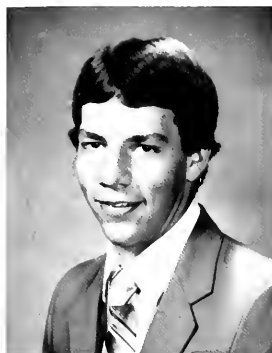
Senior Theresa Reising enjoys a few minutes rest coming back from the Physics Club's trip to Chicago.

"My favorite part of the trip was going to the top of the 160 story Sears building," said Theresa.

The members left at 12:30 a.m. on a Friday and returned on Saturday at 12:00 a.m.

"I'm glad I fell asleep on the way home," Theresa explained. "Everyone said that the bus driver was weaving because she was tired too." (Photo by Larry Schapker)

Don Goedde  
Dan Gossman  
Jerry Grannan



Julie Gries  
Krista Grossman  
David Halbig



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## *Plastered plaids*

On May 21st, 1982, the senior skirts suddenly became unhemmed and plastered with autographs and graffiti, like a restroom wall. Senior Angie Hilakos explains to Mrs. Pat Welsh during consumer economic class that she has to let Dennis Murphy finish signing her skirt because it is the last day that the seniors have to wear them. (Photo by Mary Ellert)





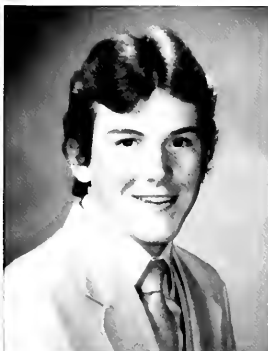
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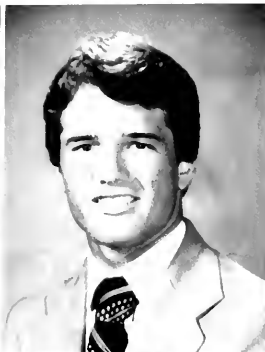


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John Kohl  
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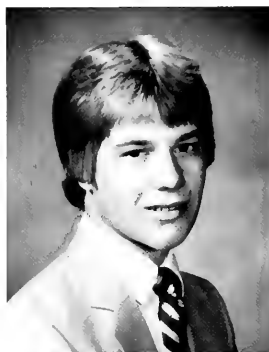


### *Red and gold giggles*

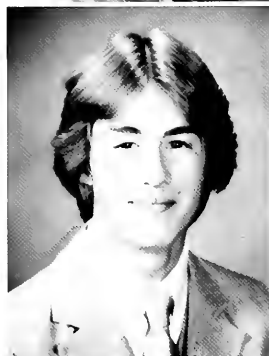
Senior Jenny Olivey reacts to the antics of 'Religious Randy,' performed by Joe Bassemier. He participated in the Senior-Faculty feud pep assembly prior to the sectional basketball game against Bosse.

"When I saw Joe Bassemier and how dumb he looked and acted I was rollin' the whole time. It was one of the best assemblies I've seen. My sides hurt after the assembly," said Jenny. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

Greg Lehman  
Debbie Leonhardt  
Julie Little



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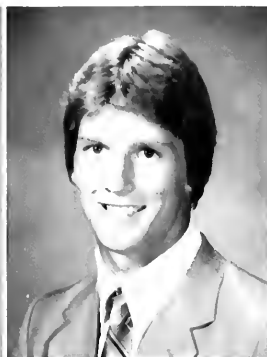


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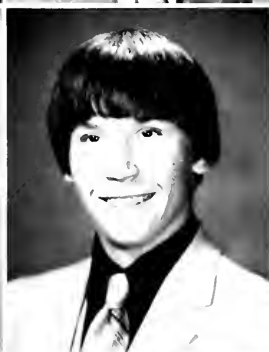
## *Lawful lads*

Mater Dei's second semester government students, along with Harrison, Reitz and Central, participated in four court hearings, acting out a specific case on Law Day. Seniors David Folz, Joe Kuhn and Scott Schenk rest in front of the fountain by the Federal Building downtown, while waiting for the other groups to finish their hearings. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

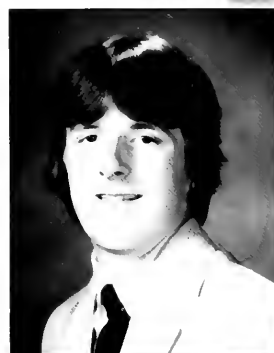




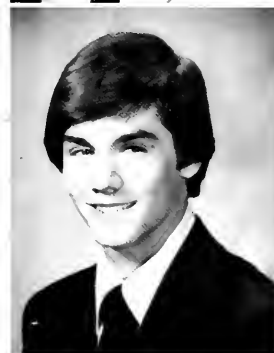
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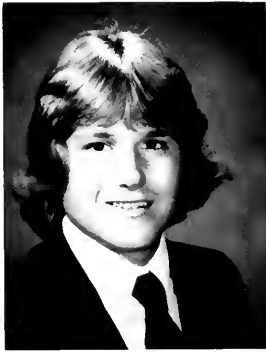
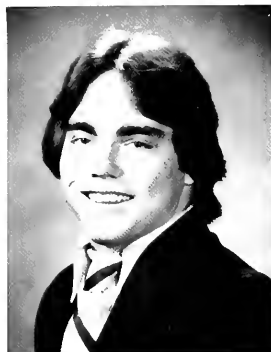


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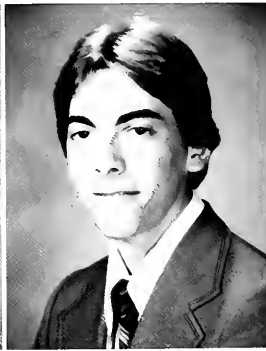


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Dennis Murphy  
Christi Neale  
Brock Nicholson



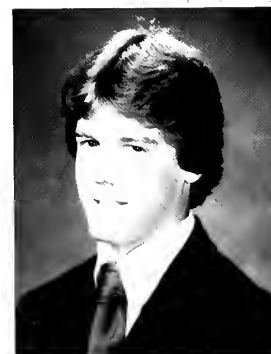
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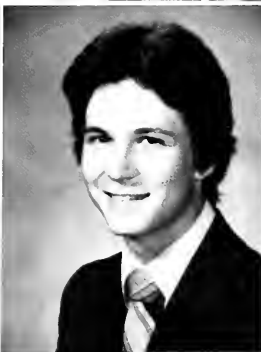
## Clerk Klenck

Senior Amy Klenck, clerk of Mater Dei-ville, was Mayor Brock Nicholson's right-hand-lady. She took on the responsibilities of running the agenda meetings, typing and handing out the agendas to each homeroom representative, and controlling and organizing the student council meetings that were held on Thursdays in the library. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

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Lori Preske  
Stephanie Purcell  
Karen Raleigh



Susan Reddington  
Theresa Reising  
Brock Rexing

## Crystal and lace

Among new places arriving in Evansville, Eastland Mall had the biggest effect. Aside from ordinary novelty shops, they announced new computer systems, live modeling, variety shows and job opportunities for Evansville residents. MD students, including Julie Weinzapfel did some Christmas shopping and everyday browsing, too. Julie looks at crystal in Kruckemeyer and Cohn, (located in the mall), to add to her hope chest. (Photos by Bethe Leadbetter)



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Sarah Rexing  
Jim Reynolds  
Beth Richey



Lisa Richter  
Sherrí Ricketts  
Todd Robertson



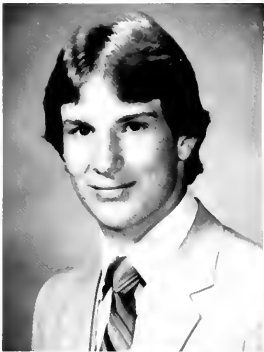




Cathy Roe  
Keith Rooney  
Linn Ruminer



Debbie Sanford  
Larry Schapker  
Lisa Scheller



Scott Schenk  
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Brian Schmitt  
Carol Schmitt  
Ron Schneider

Tina Scott  
John Seibert  
Dion Seiler



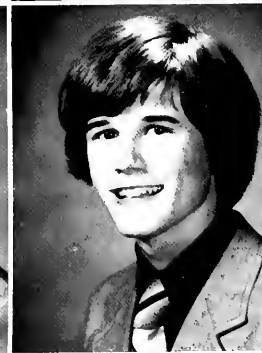
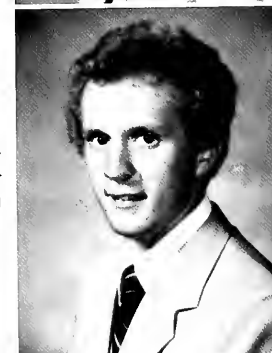
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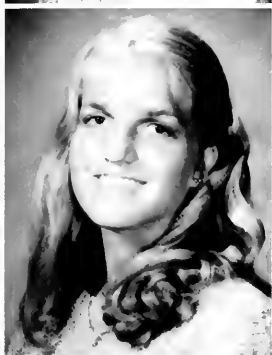


Tom Spindler  
David Stocker  
Margaret Tavormina





Mary Beth Teipe  
Craig Titzer  
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Jenny Vescovi  
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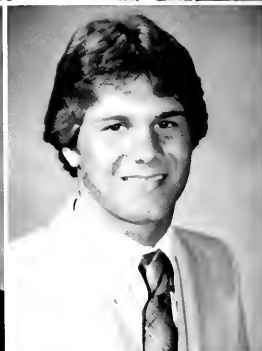
## *Rocky and rollin'*

What are two girls doing in a place like this? Seniors Lori Whelan and Angie Hertel, along with their projects, were two out of 467 chosen for the Evansville Museum Art Exhibit held throughout May. Lori's project, titled "Swivel Six String," won a \$50 savings bond with first place in the category of 3-dimensional art. Angie's scratchboard, titled "Rocky Raccoon," was awarded second place in the category of uncategorized. Lori and Angie have both completed their fourth year of art. (Photos by Karen Werner)

Mary Wannemueller  
Cindy Weber  
Sharon Weber



Mary Ann Weidner  
Brian Weinzapfel  
Gary Weinzapfel



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# *'Oh beautiful . . .*

Senior Tina Scott, along with other band members, participates in the ceremony for the clean campus award.

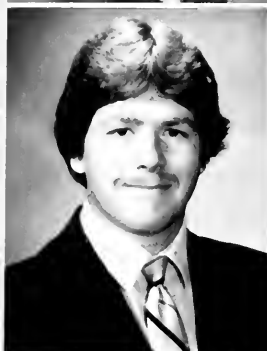
The band played "America the Beautiful" as they marched past the American Legion Post during the ceremony.

Tina, a clarinet player, has been active in the band for three years. She has also been the vice-president of the band her senior year. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





John Weinzapfel  
Julie Weinzapfel  
Patty Weinzapfel



Stan Weinzapfel  
Lori Whelan  
Pat Wildeman



Leann Will  
Susan Will  
Mark Williams



Nora Wilson  
Scott Winstead  
Linda Winterman

# 'The Way We Were'

## Looks like we made it

### RON ADLER

Baseball 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3; Wrestling 1; Pep Club 1,2,3.

### SANDY ADLER

Cum Laude 2; Pep Club 1,2.

### ANDREW ALCORN

Football 1,2,3,4; Dramatics 2; Cum Laude 1,4; Pep Club 1,2,3; Speech Contests 1,2; Track 1,2; Student Council 2; Wrestling 1.

### CLAY ALLISON

Cum Laude 4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

### LAURA ALSOP

Cum Laude 2,3,4; Cross Country 4; Music Contest 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4.

### SCOTT ALTMAN

Cum Laude 1,2,3; Achievement Banquet 2,3; Basketball 1; Choir 4; Debate 1,2,3; Golf 4; Football 1,2; Sr. Councilman-at-Large, Newspaper 3,4; Forensics 1,2,3,4; Student Manager 1,2,4.

### TONY AMOS

Magna Cum Laude 1,2; Cum Laude 2,3,4; Academic Monogram 1,2,3; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; Cross Country 3.

### JENNIFER BAEHL

Choir 1; Music contest 1; Pep Club 1,2,3.

### MICHAEL BAEHL

### JOSEPH BASSEMIER

Magna Cum Laude 1,2; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2; Class President 1,2,3; Student Council 1,2,3; Track 2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

### DEBRA BEACH

Pep Club 1,2,3; Flag Corps 3.

### CLARE BECKER

Magna Cum Laude 1,2; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 1,2; May Court 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Office Assistant 4; Football Homecoming Queen.

### NICK BERGWITZ

Track 1, Soccer 1,2,3,4; Gym Assistant 3,4.

### BILL BLAXTON

Cum Laude 2,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; Police Chief 4.

### REBECCA BOARMAN

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,4; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Academic Monogram 1,2; Speech Contests 1.

### TINA BOARMAN

Cum Laude 2,4; Achievement Banquet 4; Dramatics 2; Music Contests 1; Pep Club 4; Newspaper 3; Yearbook 3,4; Student Manager 2,3; Matmaid 3,4; Flag Corps 3; Co-captain 3.

### RONALD BOEGLIN

### KATHRYN BOES

Choir 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 3; Tennis 2; Matmaid 2,3,4; Pom Pom 3,4; Band 1,2.

### KAREN BROOKS

Flag Corps 3.

### WILLIAM BROWN

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Newspaper 3,4; Sports Staff Editor 4.

### MARK BRUGGER

### CYNTHIA BRUNE

Magna Cum Laude 1,4; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Academic Monogram 2; Choir 1,2; Honor Society 1,2; Pep Club 1,4.

### JOHN BULLOCK

Baseball 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1.

### ROBB BUMB

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Dramatics 2; Football 1,2,3; Honor Society 1,2,3,4; Track 4; Physics Club 4.

### JULIE BURCH

Magna Cum Laude 2; Cum Laude 2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Student Manager 4; Matmaid 2,3,4; Gymnastics 1.

### BOB CULVER

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Cum Laude 2,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 2,3,4; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Councilman-at-Large 2,3; Speech Contest 1; Wrestling 1,2; Mayor's Youth Council.

### CARLA DECAMPS

Pep Club 1,2; Track 1; Volleyball 2,3,4.

### JOHN DEWIG

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3; Cum Laude 3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 4; Pep Club 2; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

### KAREN DICK

Magna Cum Laude 4; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3; Art Service 1,2,3,4.

### KEVIN DICK

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Cum Laude 1,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Debate 2; Dramatics 2; Honor Society 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Newspaper 3,4; Editor 4.

### TIM DOLLETSKI

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement

Banquet 2; Golf 1,2.

### MARY ELLERT

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3; Cum Laude 3,4; Class Secretary 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Newspaper 3; Yearbook 3,4; Editor 4; Quill & Scroll 3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Girls State 3; Homecoming Queen 4; May Queen 4; DAR Good Citizen Award 4.

### ANGIE ELLIOTT

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Newspaper 3; Yearbook 4.

### JACKIE ELPERS

Magna Cum Laude 2; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2.

### SHANNON ESTEP

Choir 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Art Service Club 3,4; Dramatics 2.

### DAVID FOLZ

Cum Laude 4; Baseball 1,2.

### CURTIS FORCUM

Wrestling 1.

### CHRIS FULKERSON

Cum Laude 1,2,4; Pep Club 2; Newspaper 3,4.

### SAM FULTON

Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2.

### DANNY GAFFNEY

Cum Laude 1,4; Football 1,2; Track 1,2; Wrestling 1,2; Boxing 1,2,3.

### LAURA GERBER

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 3,4; May Court 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 3,4; Majorette 1,2.

### DON GOEDDE

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3; Cum Laude 3,4; Class Vice-President 3; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4;

Honor Society 4; Pep Club 2,3; Boys State 3; DAR Good Citizen Award 4.

DAN GOSSMAN  
Baseball 1; Football 1,2,4; Student Manager 2,3; Judge 4.

JERRY GRANNAN  
Magna Cum Laude 1,2; Cum Laude 3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Honor Society 2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Speech Contest 1; Student Council 2; Track 1.

JULIE GRIES  
Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3; Cum Laude 1,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2; Honor Society 1,2,3; Pep Club 2; Gymnastics 1,2,3,4.

KRISTA GROSSMAN  
Pep Club 1,2,3; Student Council 1, Newspaper 3; Yearbook 4; Baseball Statistician 2; Homecoming Court 1,4; Matmaide 3,4.

DAVID HALBIG  
Football 1; Golf 1,2.

LISA HALL  
Choir 1; Dramatics 2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Matmaide 2,3,4.

KIMBERLY HANKINS  
Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Cum Laude 1,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Choir 1; Debate 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Newspaper 3; Speech Contest 1,2; Soccer 2,3,4; Gymnastics 1,2,3.

JAYNE HAPPE  
Cum Laude 1,3; Achievement Banquet 1; Choir 1; Pep Club 1,2,3; Matmaide 4.

KIM HARTEIN  
Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Cum Laude 1,3; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 2,3,4; Majorette 1.

KENDRA HARTZ  
Cum Laude 3; Pep Club 1,2,3; May Court 4.

JANICE HASSLER  
Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Pom Pon 3,4; Student Council 4.

LYNN HASSLER  
Cum Laude 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,3.

ANGIE HAUSMANN  
Cum Laude; Pep Club 1,2,3; Newspaper 3,4.

BRIAN HELFRICH  
Cum Laude 2,3; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Dramatics 2; Track 3.

ANGIE HERTEL  
Magna Cum Laude 1,4; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,3,4; Choir 1; Pep Club 1,2; Newspaper 3; Yearbook 3,4; Quill & Scroll 3,4; Council-Man-at-Large 4.

MIKE HICKAM  
Cum Laude 1; Baseball 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Tennis 2.

ANGIE HILAKOS  
Cum Laude 1,2,4; Pep Club 1; Gymnastics 2,3; Pom Pon 3,4.

LAURA HUTCHINSON  
Magna Cum Laude 1,2; Cum Laude 2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2; Basketball 1; Cheerleader 1; Choir 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Speech Contest 1; Pom Pon 2,3,4; Service Board 2,3,4.

JEAN JENKINS  
Cum Laude 1,2,3; Achievement Banquet 2,3; Art Museum Show 3.

MARY ANN KEELE  
Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 1,2,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1,4; Election Board 2,3,4; Baseball Statistician 3,4; Majorette 1,2.

PAT KEMPE  
Cum Laude 1,4; Baseball 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4.

JACKIE KISSEL  
Magna Cum Laude 2,3; Cum

Laude 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,4; Matmaide 3,4.

MARY KAY KISSEL  
Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Art Service Board 2; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Debate 3; Honor Society 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2; Speech Contest 1,2,3,4; Service Board 2,3,4; Valedictorian.

AMY KLENCK  
Student Council 2,3; Clerk 4; Pep Club 3,4; Speech Contest 2; Student Manager 3,4; Soccer 2,3; Homecoming Court 3.

DAN KNIGHT  
Cum Laude 1; Baseball 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Track 3; Student Council 4.

TOM KNOWLES  
Cum Laude 1,3; Class President 4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

JOHN KOHL  
Cum Laude 1,2; Baseball 1,2,4; Football 1; Student Council 4.

KATHY KONRAD  
Magna Cum Laude 1,2,4; Cum Laude 1,2,3; Class Vice-President 1,2; Achievement Banquet 2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Newspaper 3; Yearbook 4; Track 1; Soccer 2.

DONNA KORESEL  
Cum Laude 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Cheerleader 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3.

KATHY KORESEL  
Magna Cum Laude 2,3,4; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Pom Pon 2,3,4; Co-captain 3,4.

JOE KUHN  
Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Football 1.

MICHELLE LAGENOUR  
Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3.

ED LAPPE  
Cum Laude 1,2; Achievement Banquet 2; Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3.

LAURA LAPPE  
Magna Cum Laude 2; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Choir 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Matmaide 4.

BETHE LEDBETTER  
Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Newspaper 3; Editor 3; Yearbook 4; Editor 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; All-SIAC 3,4; Tennis 3,4; Band 1.

GREG LEHMAN  
Cum Laude 1,2; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4.

DEBBIE LEONHARDT  
Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3; Honor Society 4; May Court 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Manager 4; Student Council 4; Homecoming Court 2.

JULIE LITTLE  
Magna Cum Laude 2,3,4; Cum Laude 1,2,4; Achievement Banquet 2; Debate 2,3,4; Honor Society 2,3,4; May Court 4; Band 1,2; Pep Club 1,2; Speech Contest 1,2,3,4; Soccer 2.

DANIEL LUIGS

DAN LUTTERBACH  
Cum Laude 4; Student Manager 1,2.

JIM LUTTERBACH  
Cum Laude 1,2,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Golf 4; Track 1,2,3,4.

MARK MACGREGOR  
Cum Laude 3.

JEFF MARTIN  
Magna Cum Laude 1,2; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4.



## *'The way we were'/cont.*

### RON MAURER

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

### MARTY MAY

Cum Laude 4; Cross Country 2,3; May Court 4; Yearbook 4; Track 1,2,3; Matmaids 2,3,4.

### BARRY MEAD

Golf 1,4.

### ANGIE MILLER

Cum Laude 2; Student Council 1; Pep Club 1,2.

### MIKE MINIELLI

Cum Laude 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2; Soccer 2,3,4.

### JOE MISCHLER

Cum Laude 1,2,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2; Baseball 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Football 1,2; Student Council 2,3; Soccer 3,4; Election Board 3,4.

### TONY MORRIS

Wrestling 1,2; Soccer 1,2,3,4.

### JIM MORROW

Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 2.

### KEITH MOSS

Cum Laude 1,2; Football 1; Track 1,3,4; Wrestling 1,2.

### CLARE MUENSTERMAN

Basketball 1; Track 1.

### DENNIS MURPHY

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Wrestling 1.

### CHRISTI NEALE

Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3.

### BROCK NICHOLSON

Magna Cum Laude 2,4; Cum Laude 1,2,4; Football 1; Mayor 4; Speech Contest 1; Class Clown 1,2,3,4.

### KENT NIEMEIER

Cum Laude 1,2; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4.

### MARK NURRENBERN

### DALE NUSSEL

Cum Laude 2.

### JENNY OLIVEY

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Manager 4; Track 1,2,3,4.

### VICKIE PALMER

Magna Cum Laude 3; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2; Debate 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Speech Contests 1; Majorette 1,2; Soccer 3,4.

### DARREL PAUL

Magna Cum Laude 1,2; Cum Laude 2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3.

### JODI POWELL

Cum Laude 4; Choir 1; Pep Club 1.

### ERIC POWELL

Achievement Banquet 1,2,3; Cross Country 3; Student Council 1; Wrestling 1,2.

### LORI PRESKE

Cum Laude 1,2; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3; Tennis 3,4; Track 1; Soccer 3.

### STEPHANIE PURCELL

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3; Basketball 2; Cross Country 2,3,4; Honor Society 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3; Student Council 3,4; Student Manager 3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

### KAREN RALEIGH

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Magna Cum Laude 2,3; Choir 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Pom Pon 3,4; Art Museum Show 3.

### SUSAN REDDINGTON

Pep Club 1,2; Tennis 1,2; Matmaids 1.

### THERESA REISING

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 1,2,3,4; May Court 4; Pep Club 1; Speech Contest 2,3,4; Art Service Club 2; Service Board 2,3,4.

### BROCK REXING

Cum Laude 2; Basketball 1; Cross Country 2; Football 1; Student Council 2,4; Track 1,2.

### SARAH REXING

Magna Cum Laude 1,2; Cum Laude 2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2; Cheerleader 1; Choir 1; Honor Society 2; Pep Club 1,2,3; Pom Pon 2,3,4; Co-captain 4; Gymnastics 1,2.

### JIM REYNOLDS

Cum Laude 1,2,3; Debate 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2.

### BETH RICHEY

Cum Laude 1,2,4; Pep Club 1,2,3.

### LISA RICHTER

Cum Laude 1,2,4; Achievement Banquet 2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4.

### SHERRI RICKETTS

Basketball 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Yearbook 4; Student Manager 3; Tennis 2; Track 1; Newspaper 3; Pom Pon 3,4.

### TODD ROBERTSON

Student Manager 1,2; Soccer 1,2.

### CATHERINE ROE

Magna Cum Laude; Cum Laude 1,2,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3; Choir 1; Cheerleader 1,3; Pep Club 2,3; Student Council 2; Soccer 2,3,4; Matmaids 2,3,4.

### KEITH ROONEY

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,4; Cum Laude 3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 2,3,4; Class Vice-President 4.

### LINN RUMINER

Magna Cum Laude 3; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 2,4; Pep Club 2.

### DEBBIE SANFORD

Magna Cum Laude 2; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 3,4.

### LARRY SCHAPKER

Cum Laude 4; Newspaper 3; Yearbook 4.

### LISA SCHELLER

Cum Laude 4; Pep Club 1,2; Student Manager 2; Matmaids 3,4; Yearbook 4.

### SCOTT SCHENK

Cum Laude 2,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Football 1,2.

### MARLENE SCHENTRUP

Magna Cum Laude 3,4; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 3,4; Debate 2,3,4; Honor Society 4; Pep Club 1; Newspaper 3,4; Quill & Scroll 3,4; Speech Contests 1,2,3,4.

### AGNES SCHMITT

Cum Laude 4; Pep Club 1; May Court 4.

### BRIAN SCHMITT

Cum Laude 1,2,4.

### CAROL SCHMITT

Cum Laude 1,4; Pep Club 1.

### RON SCHNEIDER

Cum Laude 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1.

### TINA SCOTT

Cum Laude 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3.

### JOHN SEIBERT

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 2,3; Wrestling 1,2,3; Soccer 4.

### DION SEILER

Cum Laude 4.

**MARGARITA SILVA**

Cum Laude 4; May Court 4; Pep Club 4; Speech Contest 4; Track 2,4.

**CHRIS SINGER****CHRIS SITZMAN**

Cum Laude 1,2; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4.

**FELICIA SMITH**

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Choir 1; Music Contest; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4; Homecoming Court 2,4; Mat Maid 4; Volleyball 1,3; Newspaper 3; Yearbook 4.

**STACY SPALDING**

Cum Laude 1,2,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3; Speech Contest 2; Student Council 1,4.

**JEANENE SPILLMAN**

Cum Laude 2,3.

**TOM SPINDLER**

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Cum Laude 4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2; Honor Society 2,3,4; Speech Contests 2,3,4.

**DAVID STOCKER**

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 4; Speech Contests 3,4.

**MARGARET TAVORMINA**

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 2; Honor Society 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1; Speech Contest 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4, Salutatorian.

**MARY BETH TEIPE**

Cum Laude 1,2,4; Choir 1; Music Contest 1,2; Pep Band 1,2; Pep Club 1,2; Pom Pon 3,4.

**CRAIG TITZER**

Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Intramural Wrestling 1st place 170 lbs., 4.

**TOM TITZER**

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Student Council 4; Wrestling 1,2; Intramural Wrestling 1st place 160 lbs., 4.

**JENIFER VESCOVI**

Cum Laude 1; Pep Club 2; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Gymnastics 1,2.

**JON WAMBACH**

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3,4; Science Club 1,2,3.

**JOHN WANNEMUEHLER**

Baseball 1; Football 1,2,3.

**MARY WANNEMUELLER**

Cum Laude 2,3; Pep Club 1,2; Volleyball 1,2,3,4.

**CINDY WEBER**

Cum Laude 1,2; Achievement Banquet 2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4.

**SHARON WEBER**

Choir 1; Pep Club 1,2,3; Track 2; Matmaid 2,3,4.

**MARY ANN WEIDNER**

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

**BRIAN WEINZAPFEL**

Baseball 1; Football 1,2,3,4.

**GARY WEINZAPFEL**

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3; Cum Laude 1,3,4; Class Treasurer 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 1,2,3,4; Student Council 3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

**JOHN WEINZAPFEL**

Baseball 1; Football 1,2,3,4.

**JULIE WEINZAPFEL**

Magna Cum Laude 2; Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Achievement Banquet 2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council

1,2,4; R.E.A.D.Y. Representative for M.D.

**PATRICIA WEINZAPFEL**

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Cum Laude 1,3; Honor Society 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; School Play 2.

**STAN WEINZAPFEL**

Football 1.

**LORI WHELAN**

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Newspaper 3; Yearbook 3,4; Yearbook Layout Editor 4; Gymnastics manager 3; Student Service 2; Art 1,2,3,4; Museum art show, first place 4; West Side Beauty College Scholarship 4; Cum Laude, 4.

**PAT WILDEMANN**

Magna Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Academics Banquet 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 4; Tennis 1; Soccer 3.

**LEANN WILL**

Cum Laude 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2; Student Council 4.

**SUSAN WILL**

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Gymnastics manager 3.

**MARK WILLIAMS**

Cum Laude 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1; Football 1,2,3,4.

**NORA WILSON**

Cum Laude 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Gymnastics manager 2; Track 2; Flag Corps 3.

**SCOTT WINSTEAD**

Cum Laude 4.

**LINDA WINTERMAN**

Magna Cum Laude 2,3,4; Cum Laude 1,2,3.

1981-82 was one of change and celebration for the class of '83. The officers attended administrative meetings to bring suggestions to the attention of the faculty. They were usually behind any activity involving the school including the candy sale, prom, and assemblies.

We juniors began the year with the transition from underclassmen to upperclassmen. We gained responsibilities. Not only were we allowed to go through the lunch line quicker, leave assemblies earlier, but also we were responsible for organizing prom. We were also allowed to go out for lunch for the first time during Fall Festival week.

"It was something we had to look forward to," said Kelle Rexing.

Classmate Amy Riggs added, "I hope it's the beginning of a tradition."

Individual awards, both academic and athletic, were celebrated in our junior class. Matt Crowe boosted junior pride by competing in the state wrestling tournament in Indianapolis.

Sue Bradley acquired a scholarship to go to Germany for the summer of 1982. To qualify for this award, she took tests, filled out questionnaires, and was interviewed in both English and German.

"They asked me what I did on Sundays and I couldn't remember the word for church so I told them I played soccer with my parents," commented Sue.

John Townsend received Honorable Mention on the All-State football team. He was quarterback and safety on our varsity football team.

Teammate Rich Niemeier won second place All-City as place kicker. Both of these awards are difficult to acquire for juniors.

We also organized prom. The committee was Laurie Layman, Sue Bradley, Tim Zeller, and Paul Dayton. "Moonlight on the Ohio" was chosen as the theme of the dance which was held at ISUE on May 21. It was followed by a cruise on the Spirit of Evansville.

— Sherry Schneider

**BUS BUDDIES:** Three junior girls, Jenny Logel, Shari Unfried and Theresa Wargel wait for the bus to pick them up after school. They enjoy one of the first days of spring and company of friends. (Photo by Kathy Konrad)



**GALS GALORE:** 1981-82 was the first year that all of the junior class officers were female. They were Susan Preske, treasurer; Mary Schenk, secretary; Gretchen Hillenbrand, vice president; and Barb Seib, president. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**FINGER LICKING GOOD:** Junior Lisa Shetter makes sure that Chris Paul's chocolate frosting tastes just right. Frosting was one of the few things that Mr. Charlie Martin's religion class made for the junior bake sale. They got together and baked the goods on the Sunday before the sale. The proceeds were donated towards the World Hunger Fund. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**MELTS ON YOUR FACE AND NOT IN YOUR HANDS:** Juniors John Raben, acting as Mr. Rogers, and Don Klausmeier, as inventor of M&Ms, show their spirit at the candy sale assembly. The juniors' skit tied with the seniors' for first place. (Photo by Rao Zigentfus)



Jim Allredge  
Robert Allison  
Patty Alsop  
Steve Anslinger  
Julie Baehl

Abbie Baker  
Matt Bartek  
Tim Barth  
Bill Basden  
Judy Beach

Angie Beckham  
Tony Bender  
Mary Bender  
Matt Bequette  
Greg Bergwitz

Debbie Boeglin  
Robert Boeglin  
Vince Boots  
Sue Bradley  
Brad Brown



Alan Burdette  
Angie Burns  
Amy Castleman  
Christina Clark  
Kris Coates



Beth Crabtree  
Tanya Crothers  
Matt Crowe  
Jeff Culey  
Paul Dayton



Mike Debes  
Barb Deeg  
Perry Deweese  
Sheri Dezember  
Shannon Donovan



Lori Duncan  
Cathy Dyson  
Angie Effinger  
Patty Egli  
Lisa Eidson



Debra Elpers  
Krissy Elpers  
Theresa Elpers  
Greta Emmert  
Tony Farmer





Pat Fischer  
Tim Folz  
Chris Gallo  
Kathy Goedde  
Janet Gries



Shelly Gries  
Danny Haller  
Tracey Head  
Brooke Heathcotte  
Michele Hicks



Gretchen Hillenbrand  
Andy Hoefling  
Glenda Hollander  
Tammy Hollander  
Debbie Humpert



Jenny Jochim  
Brian Johns  
Diane Jourdan  
Mike Kaiser  
Todd Kempf

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## Willy Garfield Wildcat

1978 was "The Year of the Cat." But 1981 brought a new meaning to this phrase. It was the year of a different cat — the "Garfield" cat. He was a cool member of the comic strip, created by Jim Davis, who won the hearts of many Mater Dei readers. Junior Janet Gries showed her admiration for the cat by getting a Garfield poster and T-shirt and by adopting the cute little stuffed creature. His appearance was made at Mater Dei on posters in the hallways. The volleyball team adopted him as its mascot, and the girls tennis team raffled a stuffed Garfield. (Photo by Geoff Coates)

Lea Kercher  
 Dan Klausmeier  
 Eric Knapp  
 Laura Knoll  
 Jenny Kornelink



Nick Kazan  
 Jeff Kula  
 Mark Lambie  
 Laura Layman  
 Deanna Lincoln



Suzanne Lindenschmidt  
 Ray Little  
 Mike Locklar  
 Jenny Logel  
 Amy Ludwig



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Bart Lutterbach  
 John Macke  
 Joyce Martin  
 Tim Martin  
 Dennis Marx



Greg May  
 Bernie Mayer  
 Sharon Memmer  
 Martha Meredith  
 Maria Miller



Rob Montgomery  
 Denise Moss  
 Mary Moutoux  
 Mark Muensterman  
 Cindy Neale







## Tally ho

Figuring up final basketball tallies, junior Tony Bender puts in time with the computer. A regular statistician for the team, Tony also participates in Junior Honor Society, soccer and baseball.

Aside from figuring stats, the new Apple Computer was used for business and journalism classes. Games such as Freud, Space Eggs, and Alien Raid provided comic relief from classes as students flocked to the computer room after and before school and during lunch hours. (Photo by Mary Ellen)



Julie Neumann  
Nhan Nguyen  
Bryan Nicholson  
Rich Niemeier  
Renee Pace



Chris Pauli  
Geraldine Phelps  
Mike Phelps  
Susan Preske  
Jan Raben



Kristi Raleigh  
Chris Reiner  
Sally Reising  
Denise Rexing  
Don Rexing



Jill Rexing  
Julie Rexing  
Kelle Rexing  
Karen L. Rheinlander  
Karen S. Rheinlander

Amy Riggs  
Lori Riordan  
Jeanne Rivard  
David Rollett  
Darlene Rooney



Jeff Russell  
Pat Russell  
Mike Sauer  
Gina Schaefer  
Rob Schaefer



Gary Scheller  
Susan Scheller  
Mary Schenk  
Stephanie Schenk  
Sherry Schneider



Barb Seib  
Lisa Shettler  
Luisa Silva  
Brad Skinner  
Karen Spahn



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## Registered weapons

A special interest of junior Matt Bequette, is Tae Kwan Do, sometimes mistaken for Judo. "Tae" means "to smash with the fist"; "Kwan" means "to smash with the foot"; and "Do" means "way of life." The simple fact of keeping flexible and in shape has interested Matt in Tae Kwan Do. He has been taking lessons about one year, a few times a week. He is now a purple belt, and has about one year to go before getting his black belt. Has Matt ever used Tae Kwan Do? "No, I hope I never have to. I'd rather party than fight." (Photo by Alan Burdette)





Marilyn Spahn  
Scott Steckler  
Vicky Steckler  
Tim Steinkamp  
Stacey Stevenson



Stacey Taylor  
Carol Thorton  
Ann Titzer  
Gary Toon  
John Townsend



Angie Trimbam  
John Ulrich  
Shari Unfried  
Lori Wagner  
Mike Walker



David Wannemuehler  
Donna Wannemuehler  
Dan Wannemueller  
Theresa Wargel  
Rick Weber

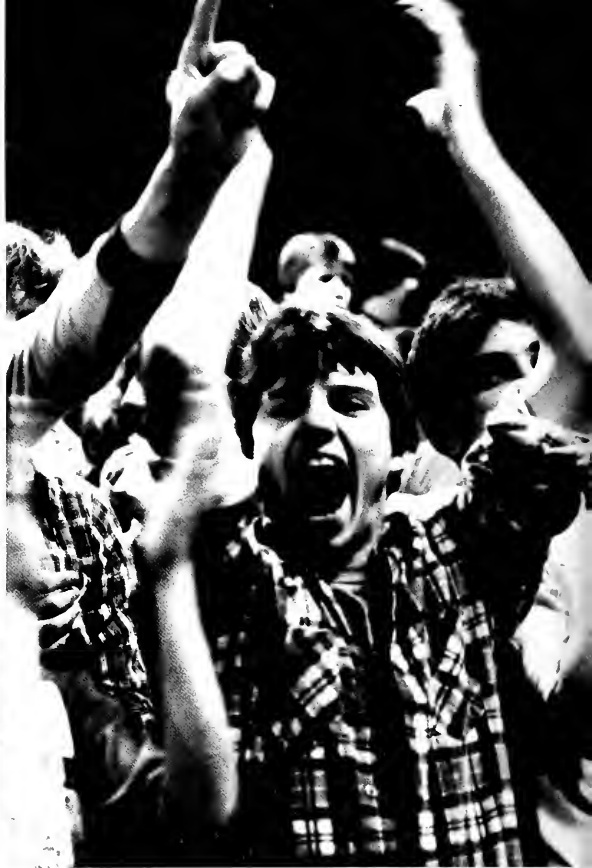


Mike Weidner  
Diana Weinzapfel  
James Weinzapfel  
Tani Weinzapfel  
Jeff Wenzel



Sharon Wildeman  
Patti Wildt  
John Wolf  
Tim Zeller  
Tom Zenthoefer

ROWDY CROWDY: Sophomore Jeff Mischler excitedly expressed his satisfaction when senior John Dewig pinned his opponent. During this wrestling meet, Mater Dei beat third-ranked Reitz — which enabled the Matcats to conquer the city crown. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



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JITTERING JITTERS???: Sophomore John Guzman and his adorable dog patiently await their turn. John was preparing for a commercial in his German class. His group sold dog food. (Photo by Leslie Stratman)

Who loved to pick on freshmen? Who knew their way around without looking at the numbers above the lockers? Who waited impatiently for upperclassmanship? Mater Dei's sophomores of course.

"We felt more comfortable with the teachers and the rules seemed easier to follow," commented sophomore Jean Lindenschmidt.

"I turned 16 in November," reflected sophomore Paula Rogge. "I looked forward to Driver Education because it gave me a sense of freedom, and unfortunately, responsibility.

Driver Education was one of the eventful happenings of the year, but receiving their class rings involved greater honor. Most of

them bought a ring from Jostens Company, but some got theirs at a jewelry store. All of the rings were blessed at a special ceremony during second period. After the blessing by Father Dave Martin, sophomores Andy Voelker and Julie Seib passed out the rings.

Another event was the sophomore retreat held at Temple Hills. Leslie Stratman, journalism and religion teacher, along with Dave Seibert, ISUE student, sponsored this relief from the academic as well as the social pressures.

Sophomore Steve Scheller recalls the experience: "I thought it was a lot of fun. We learned quite a bit about ourselves and the people who were there. I wish we could have another; it was great!"

Kim Preske

*Rings on their fingers*



**STUCK ON BAND-AIDS?** Sophomores Shari Drury and Debbie Bradley are not really stuck on band-aids, but they are "sticking" in there as they do a sketch for German class. Each group advertised products such as cereal, dog food, lingerie, and soap. The presentations were spoken in German. (Photo by Leslie Stratman)

**ABOVE IT ALL:** The sophomore class officers, Andy Voelker, president; Lisa Dezember, secretary; Julie Seib, vice-president; and Debbie Bradley, treasurer, head their class in decision-making. They helped to organize class parties. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

**AND THEY'RE OFF:** Sophomore Rob Zigenfus spends a couple of hours and about \$4 on Saturday afternoons just playing games. He goes to North Park's Two-Bit Banail, and here, plays the Omega Race game. (Photo by Bret Kornelink)



Jeff Adler  
Kevin Adler  
Roger Angermeier  
Stephanie Antley  
Karen Backes



Roger Baehl  
Tammy Bailey  
Stacey Baker  
Beth Becker  
Eric Becker



Diana Bell  
Mike Bergwitz  
Mike Beshears  
Jenny Beyer  
Greg Black



Debbie Bradley  
Nick Braun  
Elizabeth Briedenbach  
Carol Brenner  
Julie Brenner



Brenda Brown  
Tom Brownfield  
Chris Bruce  
Melissa Burdette  
Greg Clausheide



Chris Corcoran  
Angie Crowe  
Mary Deig  
Jeannie Dezember  
Lisa Dezember



Karen Dietsch  
John Dillman  
Pat Doolittle  
Shari Drury  
Carol Dunkel





## Looking onward

Missy Long, sophomore, watches some of her friends at the sophomore retreat. Missy said, "The instructors really made you feel good about yourself. I would go back if I could."

Missy is a majorette. She has placed first in several solo and ensemble contests and has competed in USTA State competition.

Missy also has a collection of mice ... Stuffed ones of course. (Photo by Leslie Stratman)



Melissa Dwyer  
Danny Elpers  
Jenny Embry  
Peter Emmert  
Bobby Estep



J.D. Fleck  
Kristi Fox  
Lesa Franklin  
Audrey Fulton  
Laura Gallo



Jean Garvin  
Holly Geiser  
Joe Gerber  
JoAnn Goebel  
Julie Goelzhauser



Karen Gossman  
Cheryl Greenwell  
Steve Griggs  
John Guzman  
Cynthia Hall



Julie Haller  
Mike Hammers  
Dean Happe  
Jeff Happe  
Deanna Hartlein



Keith Hausmann  
Michelle Hawkins  
Trevor Head  
Joe Helfrich  
Kent Hertel



Mike Hess  
Annalee Hildenbrand  
Chris Hobgood  
Rhonda Hollander  
Terry Hollander



Jeff Jost  
Ted Kares  
Lisa Kempf  
Fred Kercher  
Robert Key



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## Branching out

Kristi Steckler spreads out the branches of her family tree. It was a project for her sophomore biology class, taught by Mr. Tom Dick. Kristi explained, "I started it over Thanksgiving vacation and finished it during Christmas."

The 47 foot long tree traces her fathers side of the family back to her great, great grandfather. This leaves Kristi 96 first cousins. Her mothers side, stretches up to 40 feet and traces her ancestry back to her great grandmother. (Photo by Alan Burdette)





Trina Kinney  
Kim Kissel  
Mary Koch  
Kurt Koewler  
Christa Koressel



Kris Koressel  
Bret Kornelink  
Dan Kruse  
Maureen Lanner  
Keith Lehman



Rodney Lincoln  
Jean Lindenschmidt  
Steve Little  
Melissa Long  
Larry Luigs



Greg Lutterbach  
Lisa Lytwynczuk  
Jeanne MacGregor  
Tony Marx  
Alan May



Stephanie Mayse  
Mindy McBride  
Robby Mead  
Steve Miller  
Barb Minielli



Jeff Mischler  
Karen Morris  
Greg Mosby  
Tim Mosby  
Nathan Moutoux



Jane Muensterman  
Jerry Naas  
Chau Nguyen  
Joy Nurenbern  
Elaine Nussel

Rick Orman  
Mike Paul  
Nina Ploch  
Randy Plum  
Kim Preske



Pat Preske  
Denise Purcell  
Todd Reddington  
Cathy Reiner  
Pat Reisinger



Stacy Riley  
Jenny Roe  
Paula Rogge  
Randy Russel  
Becky Sanford



Tania Schapker  
Mary Ann Scheller  
Mike Scheller  
Steve Scheller  
Judy Schmitt



Brad Schnur  
Lori Schnur  
Elaine Schulties  
Brenda Seib  
Julie Seib



Mark Singer  
Tracy Slaton  
Lisa Spahn  
Julie Spillman  
Kristi Steckler



Joe Steinkamp  
Amy Stocker  
Patty Tavormina  
John Taylor  
John Tenbarga





Blake Titzer  
Mark Toelle  
Jenny Townsend  
Robert Vescovi  
William Vincent



Andy Voelker  
David Vowels  
Brian Weber  
Jeff Weinzapfel  
Kristi Weinzapfel



Mark Weinzapfel  
Tammie Weinzapfel  
Kevin Wildeman  
Laurie Will  
Cindy Winger



Jeanne Winstead  
Robby Zigentus

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## *Music man*

Sophomore Pete Emmert is a member of the marching band, pep band, and Singing Wildcats. He has also participated in football and track. Here he practices his french horn for a solo contest which was held on February 13 at U of E. He won his category and advanced on to state competition later on that month. (Photo by Mary Ellert)

## Getting it together

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It was the first few days of school and a group of kids was looking for its classes, stumbling over locker combinations, and searching for the nearest elevator. For the thirty-second year in a row, a new group of freshmen entered the halls of Mater Dei. But according to freshman class sponsor Sr. Sharon Bittner, "This year's class is taking part in more activities than the past classes."

Many freshmen owned varying collections ranging from Julie Adler's country dolls to Henry Kares' coke cans and John Sherman's 5253 comic books.

"I started my collection because my mom started me and plus the dolls look nice in my room," stated Julie.

Class activities were headed by President Joe Berendes, Vice President Greg Weinzapfel, Treasurer Geoff Coates and Secretary Danny Breidenbach.

"The class officers did a good job of getting the whole class involved," stated freshman World Development teacher Sister Donna Marie Herr.

— Rob "Giorgio" Zigenfus

CRUTCH FEVER: Stan Memmer keeps on his toes while playing a crutch at the freshmen class party. Chuck Crawford peeks into the scene from behind. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



**PIZZA PORK-OUT:** Greg Bourdeau gives a smile when he takes a bite out of pizza at the freshman party. Class sponsor Sr. Sharon Bittner couldn't find enough people to take home the leftovers. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



**SAY CHEESE PLEASE:** Keith Leonhardt gives his peace signs with a smile instead of drinking his double Doubles. He is the last in the line of Leonhardts to attend Mater Dei. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



**MALES TAKE CHARGE:** The freshmen chose Joe Berendes as president, Greg Weinzapfel as vice president, Geoff Coates as treasurer, and Danny Breidenbach as secretary to represent their class. (Photo by Rob Zigentus)

Julie Adler  
Lisa Adler  
Angie Alvey  
Laura Angermeier  
LaChere Anslinger



Keith Barnes  
Maria Barth  
Theresa Baughn  
Chris Baumgart  
Karen Beaven



Rich Bender  
Joe Berendes  
Kelle Beshears  
Mary Beshears  
Laura Bittner



Ken Boaman  
Jeff Boes  
Greg Bourdeau  
Jenny Bowen  
Joe Brady



Jill Braun  
Danny Breidenbach  
David Brugger  
Jeff Butts  
Michelle Case



Goeff Coates  
Angela Conner  
Charles Crawford  
Greg Culley  
Julie Debes



Lorry DeWeese  
Jane Dezember  
Bob Dezember  
Melony Dolletzki  
Daniel Donovan

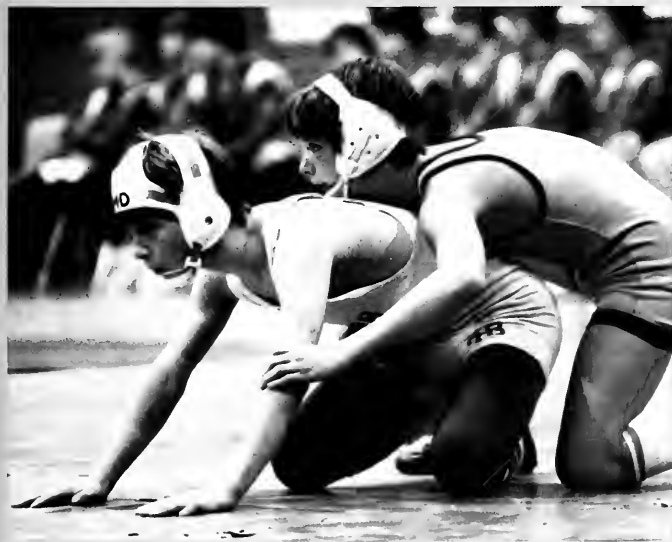






Clem Effinger  
Chris Elpers  
Karen Elpers  
Dwight Emmert  
Thomas Epley

Angela Etherton  
Mindy Ficker  
Marc Finney  
Scott Folz  
Wendy Frankenberger



## 'Singer of victory'

On December 10, 2,000 people packed Mater Dei's hot stuffy gym for the big wrestling rivalry between Mater Dei and our arch-rivals up the hill, Reitz. Freshmen Brian Singer and Reitz's Gary Barr, wrestling 98 pounds, are waiting in the referee's position for their match to begin. Brian pinned his opponent in three minutes and 16 seconds. Wildcat freshmen beat Reitz 48-20. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

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Todd Freimiller  
Rusty Fulton  
Angie Gallagher  
Sara Gallo  
Jeannie Gerber

Jerry Gish  
Kris Glaser  
Chris Goebel  
Richard Goetz  
Bob Green

## Dogs' best friend

Most people hire babysitters, but John Sherman's neighbors hire him to sit for their dogs and cats. John has been caring for these animals for about six months. He spends about ten hours a week taking the dogs for walks and feeding them. John said he doesn't make lots of money but he enjoys the work and plans to continue in the future. (Photo by Geoff Coates)



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Betty Greenwell  
Allen Gries  
Jeff Gries  
Kyle Grieser  
Anne Groves



Michele Guetling  
Jamie Hagan  
Tracy Hankins  
Tony Hape  
Jeanene Happe



Kathy Harrison  
Steve Hassler  
Tom Hatfield  
Britt Heathcotte  
Jeff Herrmann



Angie Herrmann  
Charlotte Hertel  
Chris Hertel  
Steve Hicks  
Bryan Hicks

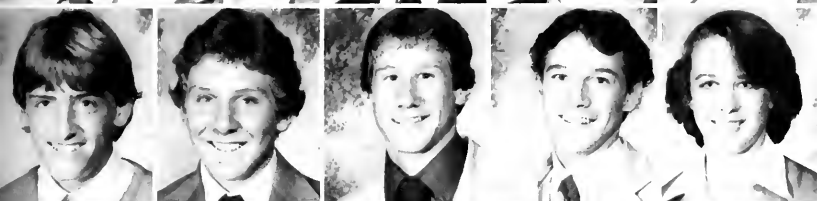




Heidi Hillenbrand  
Melissa Hinton  
Maria Hollis  
David Jarboe  
Henry Kares



Ben Kempf  
Julie Kempf  
John Kettinger  
Michael Kirsch  
Kristen Kissel



Ed Knapp  
Darin Knight  
Eric Kohut  
Dan Koressel  
Shirley Kuhn



Mike Lagenour  
Lori Laib  
Dava Lappe  
Michael Layman  
Bill Lehman



Keith Leonhardt  
Darla Lichtenberger  
Amy Lindenschmidt  
Jim Little  
Sarah Macke



Scot Mangold  
Richard Martin  
Robert Martin  
Rob Maurer  
Stan Memmer



Sherrie Miller  
Lisa Mills  
Eric Moss  
Scott Muller  
Mike Murphy

Robert Myers  
Mike Neale  
Mark Neighbors  
Helen Neisz  
Kinh Nguyen



Matt Niemeier  
Vanessa Niemeier  
Brad Oliver  
Gretchen Parker  
Chris Paul



Jim Pauli  
Laya Phelps  
Ron Plump  
Chris Pugh  
Keith Reising



Todd Rexing  
Steve Ricketts  
Bryan Riedford  
Karen Riordan  
Terri Robertson



Ann Rode  
Kathy Rogge  
Mark Schaefer  
Mike Schaefer  
Alan Schaffstein



Jane Schapker  
Melba Schapker  
Krista Schmitt  
Sandy Schmitt  
Kelley Seib



Mark Seng  
John Sherman  
Brian Singer  
Lee Anne Solka  
Regina Southard





Tim Strange  
Dennis Straub  
Christine Thompson  
Theresa Thornton  
Carole Ticken

Patrick Titzer  
Dennis Wannemuehler  
Kathleen Wannemuehler  
Barbara Wargel  
Susan Weber

Michelle Weidner  
Greg Weinzapfel  
Amy Werner  
Susan White  
Angela Will

Bryan Will  
Philip Will  
Julie Wilson  
Dan Wolf  
David Wolf



## 'Live'ly teens

Abortion is a very important issue to the Teens for Life. The group included Mater Dei freshmen who met once a month on Sundays. Pictured here are members Brian Singer, Dan Koresel, Greg Weinzapfel, Eric Moss, Steve Hassler, Jane Schapker, Jill Braun, and Lisa Adler. Group members met to discuss abortion and talk to young girls who were considering having an abortion. They also had dances and bake sales to raise money for a film projector to show films against abortion. (Photo by Rob Zigentus)

**MIXING BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE:** President Reagan makes a call to Capitol Hill from his mountain top ranch in Santa Barbara, California. The president and Mrs. Reagan spent the Memorial Day weekend there. (Photo courtesy of the Associated Press)

**ON GUARD:** Two Argentine Troopers look down the street as they stand guard near the government house in Port Stanley in the Falklands. After 169 years under British rule, the south Atlantic islands were invaded by Argentina in a takeover attempt. (AP photo)



**CUTIE PIE:** Ten-year-old Aileen Quinn captured America's heart as the star of the movie "Annie." The movie is based on Harold Gray's comic strip, "Little Orphan Annie," which first appeared August 5, 1924. Since that time, it has become a smash hit on Broadway in 1977, and more recently, a popular motion picture musical. (Photo courtesy of the Associated Press)





**POPE CALLS FOR PEACE:** Pope John Paul II tours St. Peter's Square. In his speech, the pontiff called for prayers for peace between Argentina and England. He later made a visit to England, being the first pope in several years to visit the Anglican country. (AP photo)

**ENROUTE TO PAD 39A:** The Spaceship Columbia, sitting on a gigantic crawler, makes its way toward the ocean where Launch Pad 39A is located nearby. It is the first reusable spacecraft, designed to make space travel more accessible to man. The project cost taxpayers approximately \$9.8 billion. Columbia was scheduled to be launched on June 27. (AP Photo)

## Beyond our borders As the world turns . . .

— May 27, 1982. As we sat at our desks in our small school, we sometimes seemed oblivious to the world that revolved around us. Often the attitude was one of indifference. Sometimes, though, a violent occurrence could evoke such powerful emotions as hatred, despair, or horror. Occasionally, by an act of heroism or goodwill, we could actually see the beauty of our world.

Such was the case in the January Air Florida flight crash. Soon after takeoff, the plane ditched in the icy Potomac River near Washington, D.C. Authorities rushed to the scene and attempted to rescue the survivors with helicopters. An unknown person, now referred to as the sixth man, gave his place on life buoys to other passengers five times before sinking to his death. The proverbial Phoenix of heroism rose above the flames of disaster.

Adhering to the terms of the Camp David Peace Accord, Israel gave the occupied lands of the Sinai back to Egypt after winning them in the Arab-Israeli War. In an enormous act of faith and good will, Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin braved attempts by Israeli settlers and his own cabinet to block the return of these lands.

This followed the cold-blooded assassination of Egypt's president, Anwar Sadat. The attempted coup by Muslim extremists threatened the peace of the entire Middle East region. We could only hope Sadat's successor, Mubarak, would continue the late president's policies. Our future energy situation could possibly have hung in the balance.

The entire Middle East was a thorn in President Reagan's side. Libya continued its slander and opposition of the United States. Conflict eventually resulted in armed hostilities between the two countries. Our plane downed two

Libyan jets close to Libya's border infuriating Dictator Mumar Kadafy. This was coupled with the Iraq-Iran War. An invasion of oil-rich Iranian soil resulted in a full-scale war between the sides. Iran fought back and at the time of this deadline, a winner had not yet emerged.

Yet the Middle East was not the only hot spot in our world. Our eyes turned closer to our own borders in El Salvador where a brutal civil war raged. Rebels, allegedly supported by Cuba through Nicaragua, attempted to wrest control from the United States-backed democracy. The United States saw fit to send advisers to the Central American country. United States troops had, at this time, been called to protect the El Salvador government, but we had to wait as armed hostilities seemed certain to continue.

However, soon to take El Salvador's place in the headlines was the invasion of the British-controlled Falkland Islands by Argentine marines. Following the invasion, negotiations were begun but broke off after Britain's return to a beach head on one of the Falklands by several thousand troops. Fighting was fierce and both sides lost men and equipment before and during Britain's invasion. The issue was unsettled at this deadline.

At the same time as the Falkland crisis, Pope John Paul II was on a goodwill tour to Portugal. Exactly one year after the assassination attempt of the Pontiff by a gunman, someone attempted to bayonet him. The Pope was uninjured and apparently unshaken.

A national grass-roots movement to ban or reduce nuclear weapons was begun this year. The movement caught and spread. Politicians were quick to realize its importance, and for the first time since Ronald Reagan's

inauguration, arms talks were opened with the Soviet Union. An objective of the President was to reduce our armaments instead of just limiting them as SALT did.

For the second time, NASA launched the space shuttle Columbia. This first reusable spacecraft survived beautifully and gave the American people a sense of pride to know they were citizens of such a capable country.

Events around the world may have shocked or horrified us, but it was those around home that seemed to affect our lives the most. Interest rates soared and caused a significant downturn in the economy. Jobs became extremely hard to find as the unemployment rate hit a high of 9.4 per cent. High school students discovered themselves out of work with no income. Together with the cutbacks of government funds for loans and scholarships, joblessness made it difficult for college-bound seniors to consider an institute of higher learning. As money became tighter, seniors found they were not receiving the financial assistance available to former students.

However, as an effect of the economic downturn, inflation was reduced to an annual rate of 6.6 per cent. This was perhaps the only bright spot in a rather dismal landscape.

When we looked at what happened elsewhere in the world, we could perhaps put things in their proper perspective here at home. There was no way we could separate ourselves from the rest of the world, and while we may have had our own little world at Mater Dei, its outcome depended on the big world we all live in.

— Mike Locklar



**IN THE MONEY:** At the Old National Bank vault, Seniors Jenny Olivey, David Stocker, Dan Lutterbach, Kevin Dick, and Margaret Tavornina examine a "brick" of \$20,000. Nearly all of the Seniors made the field trip to the downtown area as a part of their consumer economics class. (Photo by Mary Ellert)

**BUS STOP:** After a tour of the downtown area, Michelle Lagenour, Chris Neale, Sandy Adler, Jackie Elpers, Keith Moss, and Joe Mischler relax outside the civic center while waiting for their bus. Among the places the seniors visited were the jail, courthouse, and police station. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



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**"POLL" CAT:** Mark Brugger was among several seniors who volunteered their time to work at the polls during the primary elections. He worked for the Republican party at Tekappel school. (Photo by Mary Ellert)

**A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION:** Mary Koch, Pat Wildeman, Angie Crowe, Kim Kissel, and Missy Long participate in the annual March of Dimes Superwalk. Proceeds from the 20 kilometer trek went to prevent birth defects. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



**HIGH-RISERS:** A group of seniors who made the consumer ec field trip get a bird's-eye view of the downtown area from the 18th floor of the Old National Bank building. While at the bank, they also visited the vault and petroleum club. (Photo by Mary Ellert)



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## Life in the stoplight city

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Evansville (ev' enz·vil), n. city in SW Indiana, on the Ohio River.

This was how the dictionary defined Evansville. However, to most of Mater Dei's students, the city was simply "home."

"I like it because everybody is friendly and everybody knows you," explained Holly Geiser, sophomore.

The population of Evansville was about 130,000 within the actual city limits. This did not include the suburbs and rural areas surrounding the metropolis. MD consisted of a blend of both city slickers and country bumpkins.

"I like living in town because I'm closer to school and less time is spent traveling to get to places. It's really convenient," said junior Beth Crabtree.

However, Jim Pauli preferred the wide open spaces of his home in St. Joe. "I like living out in the country," said the freshman. "We have a lot of neat things to do out here," he added.

Jim and his sisters were members of the Southern Indiana Antique Tractor Club. They owned three tractors and used them to plow gardens, partici-

pate in antique tractor pulls, and enter in parades such as the Evansville Freedom Festival parade.

Evansville, according to some MD students, was chock-full of places to go for recreation. "On the weekends, we go see movies and go bowling and hang around and have a good time," said Keith Barnes, freshman. "There's a lot of people coming out and you know quite a few of them."

Elaine Schultheis, sophomore, liked to "hang around" at North Park, because it gave her opportunity to "cruise."

Very civic-oriented, several MD students took an active part in community affairs. On election day, some worked at the polls, passing out campaign materials to voters.

Others took part in the March of Dimes Superwalk. Participants were pledged for every mile they trudged in the 20 kilometer walk. Proceeds went to the March of Dimes to prevent birth defects.

Tina Scott walked in the annual event for the very first time. She remem-

bered, "I thought it was going to be worse than it was. I didn't think I would make it!"

Even though most of Mater Dei's seniors had lived in Evansville for most of their lives, many of them learned new things about the downtown area through their Consumer Economics field trip. On the expedition, they visited Deaconess Hospital, the Old National Bank, Citizens Bank, the county courthouse, jail, and police station.

At the Old National Bank, a bank official passed around a "brick" of \$20,000 for the group to hold. Yes, it did come back with all the bills intact, despite the fact that Dan Lutterbach jokingly admitted that he "felt like taking some to go buy a car!"

Whether it was because of its bustling city life and rolling country sides, or its recreation spots and community activities, several MD students found it to be a perfect place to live. Elaine Schultheis summed it up, "It's just right!"

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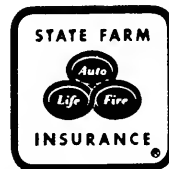
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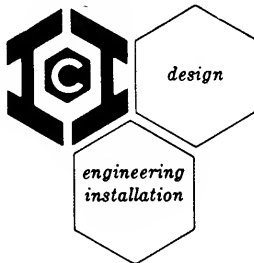
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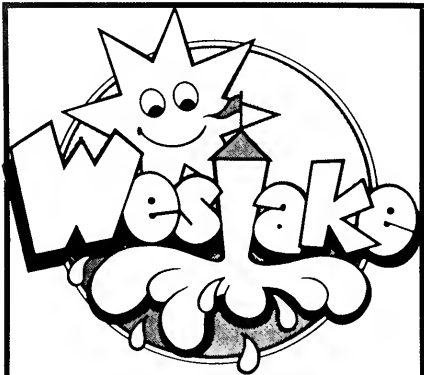
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## HOMEROOM 210

FRONT ROW: Roy Marx III. SECOND ROW: Rob Mead, Alan May, Jerry Nass, Jeanne MacGregor, Barbo Minielli, Stephanie Mayse, Rick Orman, Mindy McBride. THIRD ROW: Steve Miller, Jeff Mischler, Tim Mosby, Greg Mosby, Joy Nurrenbern, Elaine Nussel, Jane Muensternan, Nina Ploch, Karen Morris. FOURTH ROW: Randy Plump, Chau Nguyen, Nathan Moutoux. (Photo by Bethe Ledbetter)



## HOMEROOM 212

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TUCKERED OUT: Sports staffer Mike Kaiser sleeps in the typing room during the first all-night deadline. (Photo by Alan Burdette) **HI-LIGHTS STAFF:** BOTTOM: Bethie Ledbetter. MIDDLE: Angie Elliott, Larry Schapker, Sherri Ricketts, Marty May, Sherry Schneider, Mary Schenk, Alan Burdette, Felicia Smith, Sharon Wildeman, John Townsend, Lori. TOP: Kathy Konrad, Krista Grossman, Tina Boorman, Mary Ellert, Angie Hertel, Agnes Schmitt (friend of staff). (Photo by Leslie Stratman)



## Burning the candles at all ends

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After the first month of school had passed, I realized I had been blessed with more than just an '82 yearbook staff; I had inherited some of the **busiest** kids in the school. As the year progressed, competition for their time became keen.

Co-editors Mary Ellert and Bethie Ledbetter pounded the leather out of the volleyball **daily** in the gym after school. Result? Unorthodox meeting times and places, constant worry over whether things were getting done, and **three** volleyball spreads instead of the usual two. I rejoiced when volleyball season ended, only to learn that Mary had made the basketball team and Bethie was already preparing for the tennis season.

They weren't the only ones. As cheerleading captain, Felicia Smith did not allow those duties to dive into yearbook time, but she did let them dive into our pocketbooks with their several fundraisers. Krista Grossman was in Florida for the first deadline, and at the World's Fair for the second. Lori Whelan's and Angie Hertel's second home was the art room. I'm glad it was right down the hall.

Angie Elliott, Sherri Ricketts, Larry Schapker, and Sharon Wildeman would either finish all their work during class time or dart in at the oddest hours. Because of their after-school jobs, deadlines were worked on at night. They **did** let us in on the outside world while we were engrossed in our work though.

Lisa Scheller would bring **her** job to the staff. Her two babysitting

charges, Amy and Brad, provided the fictional names for the prom lead, and nephews Danny and Phil even showed up at the J-Room. I almost put them to work. Oh, and because of Kathy Konrad's job at Target, I always knew when the best sales were.

Student elections involved a lot of them too. Tammy Hollander worked on her campaign speech during journalism class and Mary Schenk engaged other staffers in making construction paper stars with her name on them. Their efforts paid off though; after the elections, the Journalism Department could boast of the future mayor, all but one of the senior officers, and the judge. They had won and I was proud, but we still hadn't made our last deadline with the end of the school year approaching.

Spring concert began and robbed us of Alan Burdette, our chief photographer. I never knew he had such great vocal chords. Baseball season made John Townsend double-play as both our staff artist and the leading hitter in the city, and I was grateful for May 21 — the day that staffer Sherry would be finished planning prom decorations. I was tired of those aggravating hurricane lamps!

Yes, before the year was out, I learned about soccer and Italian opera from Rob Zigenfus, read Mike Hammers' poetry, and helped make pancakes at 5:30 AM. I learned that Marty May could do good imitations of John Dewig and Tina Boorman could play a mean air guitar.

And the yearbook . . .

Got done. At the last moment, for both deadlines, a beautiful thing happened. They came out from under the woodwork — the gym, locker rooms, choir lofts, cinemas, and campaign meetings — to meet in the J-Room and put together a book.

And after I read their creative writing and glimpsed their diverse designs and good, human interest pictures, I realized something — it

was good to have kids with their fingers in every plum of the school — they knew a lot that I didn't. They knew, and I learned, about preppy and pac-man; rubik cubes and baseball scores; computers, dating, and prom prices; Willie Nelson, air guitars, and . . . And hopefully, through it all, we taught each other something about journalism as well . . .

— Neslie

## They never ran out of fuel . . .

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DUGOUT DUDES: Sophomore Mike Hess and junior Rob Montgomery keep close tabs on the action during the varsity baseball game with Reitz. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



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THANKS MOM: Mary Beth Teipe receives aid in pinning her hat on from her mother Marilyn. To everyone's relief, the hats remained on the heads of the graduates throughout the ceremony. (Photo Courtesy of Evansville Courier and Press)



SPORTS FANS: Brian Weinzapfel and John Kohl present a baseball glove and football during offertory at Baccalaureate. The gifts symbolized sportsmanship. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

"Don't throw your hats! Don't throw your hats!" These words were heard all over the Civic Center Auditorium Sunday, June 6, graduation day. The mortarboard hats that the 168 graduates wore caused quite a controversy.

Early in the '81-82 school year it was announced that the seniors would have to give up their hats immediately after they received their diplomas. This meant not only, that throwing their hats would be impossible, but also, the tradition of transferring the tassel from the right of the hat to the left, symbolizing the entrance into the adult world, would be missed. Many students were disappointed but most were downright angry.

"I was more disappointed than angry. It seemed like it would take away some of the tradition," commented senior Tom Spindler.

Joe Delehunt, principal, did not let the students down. About a month before graduation, rumors plagued the senior hall that the seniors could wear their caps throughout the entire ceremony.

"I trusted in the seniors. I also had a lot of confidence in them. I'm extra proud that everything turned out the way it was supposed to," Delehunt said.

The baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies went exactly as planned. After all of the seniors had their diplomas, they turned their tassels and rings to signify the celebration and dignity of the event.

Mary Kay Kissel was valedictorian. She earned a 3.96 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 in her four years at Mater Dei. Margaret Tavormina was salutatorian with a 3.89 grade

point average.

Judith Clabes, editor of the Sunday Courier and Press, was the commencement speaker. Her talk focussed on "success." She stated that each person had his or her own idea of what success really is. She considered each senior present successful but also said that graduation was just the beginning.

She stated, "One cannot rest on past accomplishments."

The "success" of the day was something to remember. Hats were not thrown, tassels were turned, some tears were shed, and, in the words of Mr. Delehunt, the day was a celebration of dignity.

— Tina Boarman



**MIXED EMOTIONS:** Mary Wannemueller and Lisa Scheller prepare for Baccalaureate in the senior hall. The traditional caps and gowns made the crowded gym seem even hotter on the muggy May evening. (Photo by Aldn Burdette)



**HAPPY TIMES:** Mater Dei graduate, Cheryl Lagenour, gives Brian Helfrich a congratulatory hug. In addition to happy congratulations, tearful good-byes also followed the commencement ceremony. (Photo by Leslie Stratman)

**THE GIFT:** John Dewig receives communion from Mr. Dick Grannan. Slides of various class activities followed communion. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

celebration

"It's a school ending we certainly won't forget," said principal Joseph Delehunt. He referred to the bizarre thunderstorms which ripped through the Evansville area on June 8. The sudden storm uprooted trees on the convent's hill, knocked down the school's power lines, started a fire in room 207, and caused havoc at the junior class party. It was indeed a wild ending for a "Wildcat Celebration" year . . .

Although many of us were "burnt out" at the end of the year, we still managed to celebrate the spirit, challenges, change and traditions initiated at the beginning of school.

On May Day, the student body displayed that unique MD spirit as they actively took part in the games, despite the rainy weather.

High jumper Roger Brown advanced to the state track tournament to face perhaps his biggest challenge of the year. He made it back home the following day to graduate — with a third place medal for hanging around his neck.

Delehunt proved to be a very significant change at MD as he took over the responsibilities as principal. The editorial in the final edition of the Hi-Lights newspaper, adequately put it, "Mr. Delehunt brought many refreshing changes to the administration — student connection. His confidence in the student body encouraged responsibility . . ."

The Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies concluded without a hitch. The class of '82 went out in style, without the forbidden throwing of hats. Instead, they started a new tradition by the turning of the tassels and class rings.

We made even more tracks of our own. As Sister Jenny Miller said in her Baccalaureate speech, we left a year of firsts: first in clean campus, first in football, first in candy sales, first in various band competitions, and first in Wildcat pride. Who could ask for more reasons to celebrate?

— Mary Ellert

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TEN-HUT: Juniors Amy Riggs and Tanya Crothers are garbed in green as they attend school in their brothers' army uniforms on twin day. Spirit days were events looked forward to and celebrated during homecoming week. (Photo by Mary Ellert)

SHINING STAR: Roger Brown proudly displays his high jumping medal just prior to commencement ceremonies. Roger placed third in state-wide competition just the day before. (Photo courtesy of the Evansville Press)







**THREE TIMES A CHARM** Injured Clare Becker watches the MD spikers fall in defeat to the Memorial Tigers during regular season play. Despite the fact the senior broke her foot for the third time in four years, she was still voted the best offensive player, a member of the All-SIAC team, and the Kiwanis award winner. Her somber mood soon changed, as the Wildcats later avenged the loss, beating the Tigers in the final game of sectionals. (Photo courtesy of the Evansville Courier and Press)

**BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE:** Miss Lisa Ledman watches the Senior-Faculty game. A Ball State graduate, Ms. Ledman taught sociology and government in her first year at Mater Dei. (Photo by Alan Burdette)

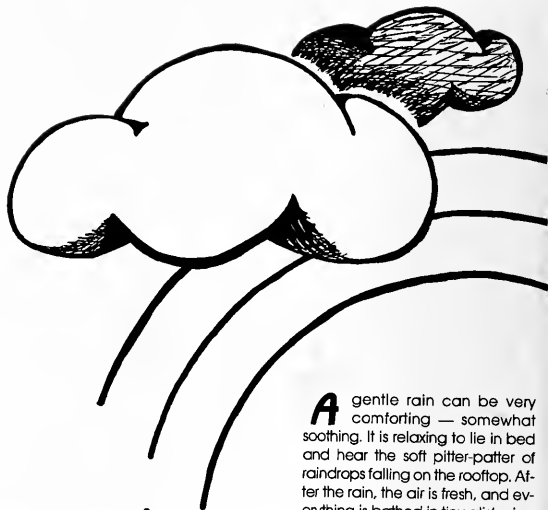


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**AUTOGRAPH PARTY:** Angie Hilakos, Krista Grossman and Jackie Kissel sign their skirts between classes on the last day they wore their uniforms. After that, seniors were allowed to wear jeans during their last week of school. (Photo by Mary Ellert)

DREAM BELIEVER: Junior Mary Schenk is one of Mater Dei's poetic persons. She is full of love and is always giving her all in everything she does. Warmth and happiness are given from Mary through each of her poems. (Photo by Alan Burdette)



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## rainbow connection

**A** gentle rain can be very comforting — somewhat soothing. It is relaxing to lie in bed and hear the soft pitter-patter of raindrops falling on the rooftop. After the rain, the air is fresh, and everything is bathed in tiny glistening droplets. The earth is cleansed and reborn.

A violent rain is unnerving. A bolt of lightning cracks and pops across the black sky, followed by a deafening thunderclap. The sound startles you. The wind becomes hurricane-like, swaying street lights, smashing windows, and uprooting huge trees.

And after it all, rainbows sometimes can't be seen . . . they have to be felt.

— Mary Ellert









